

Commons told of 'colossal' cost

## Thatcher rules out Channel link subsidy

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND MICHAEL DYNES, AND PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE prime minister appeared yesterday to dash any hopes of a government subsidy for a high-speed rail link between London and the Channel tunnel.

Margaret Thatcher apparently foreshadowed a cabinet decision tomorrow that would mean shelving the proposed 68-mile London to Folkestone link when she told MPs: "We do not believe we should subsidise this international rail service."

The remarks came as France announced plans to spend 190 billion francs (£20 billion) on expanding its high-speed rail network, including some 2,200 miles of new or renovated track to come into service over the next 20 years.

Mrs Thatcher's words were greeted with dismay by the European Rail Link (ERL) consortium, which has been trying to win government help for the £2.6 billion scheme. Ministers meeting before tomorrow's full cabinet gathering are expected to invite ERL and other potential private sector interests to come up with a cheaper scheme, possibly by terminating the link at Swanley in Kent, which would not involve help from the taxpayer.

Mrs Thatcher said the ERL proposed scheme would mean a colossal subsidy. Government sources later said there were many other options to be considered that did not require any government funding, but Conservative rail experts said last night it was unlikely that a link would be

approved, if ever, before the next general election.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks came as details emerged of European Rail Link's request for government assistance. The package is understood to have included:

- A proposal that the £1.1 billion already approved by the government to be spent by British Rail on upgrading the existing line should be converted into a loan to the consortium to help with the link's costs, to be repaid in full by 2010.

- A sum of between £350 million and £400 million to improve congested commuter services on Network-South-East, which would be given half the new line's capacity for passenger services.

- Government agreement to allow the introduction of a "hybrid" bill to authorise the building of the line.

Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary, will face strong criticism from the Labour party, Tory MPs, and a growing body of industrialists supporting ERL's proposals, when he announces the government's decision.

John Prescott, the Labour transport spokesman, said last night there had been an "ideological requirement" that there should be no public money to build a high-speed rail link, but there was no high-speed network in Europe that had not been built without some form of public help.

"The government is making a force of the Channel tunnel rail link. First they told us we didn't need a link. Then for two years they told us we needed a link at all," Mr Prescott said. "We must repeal section 42 of the Channel Tunnel Act prohibiting government subsidies for international rail services, and enable the government to take a lead in what should be a public-private sector partnership in this national project."

Now there is a chance the link will only go from Folkestone to Swanley, making Swanley the biggest park-and-ride centre in the world, further clogging up the M25, and failing to provide vital access to London, let alone Scotland and the regions.

The likely shelving of the ERL proposal comes amid a welter of claims and counter-claims over the consortium's demands. Senior government sources last week accused it of giving misleading indications of the size of its request for assistance, saying that the much-quoted £300 million to £400 million was the tip of the iceberg. Industry sources yes-

terday accused ministers of being equally misleading in suggesting the consortium was looking for an open-ended guarantee against cost overruns.

Mrs Thatcher was replying in the Commons to Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, who said there was likely to be only a 20-minute difference in travelling time between the subsidised link and the British Rail service on existing lines.

The prime minister said: "We take the view that international services should not have subsidies. We do not subsidise international air services or international ferry services and therefore we do not believe we should subsidise this international rail service."

Although her reference to an international service left a chance that the government might consider help for domestic services, senior government sources continued to rule out any help that could be construed as a "backdoor subsidy".

The ERL consortium declined to comment on Mrs Thatcher's statement saying: "What was said in the House of Commons was not a reply to our proposal submitted to the Department of Transport in April. We will not be responding until we are formally notified after the cabinet meeting on Thursday."

The French rail expansion plans announced by the transport minister, Michel Delebarre, will involve the creation of a dozen or more lines devoted to the Train à Grande Vitesse (TGV). M Delebarre said the programme involved changes that would "overturn ideas about travelling time as much as changes in air transport or the road system have done in the past thirty years."

The state-owned Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français (SNCF) intends to cut travelling times between all big cities and to link the TGV network with neighbouring countries' equivalent services. First priority will be given to developing a service linking eastern France to the West German high-speed services.

A TGV line running from the Channel tunnel to Paris was approved several years ago. In marked contrast to the difficulties encountered by ERL in England, there was keen competition among French towns to have the service running through their region.

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## German fans released after Milan sentencing

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FIVE West German soccer fans were given two-year jail terms yesterday after the worst outbreak of World Cup hooliganism hit Milan on Sunday. They were released under a plea-bargaining arrangement, but banned from the 12 cities hosting the event.

Another eight West Germans arrested on Sunday also appeared in court, but denied the charges. Two West Germans had already been sent to jail for attacking a policeman, and 43 others involved in the

Milan fighting were deported. In Cagliari, where the match between England and Ireland passed without serious incident, police said they would crack down on local hooligans who taunted the English.

In the first of yesterday's games, South Korea failed to add their name to the list of surprise packages at the World Cup finals when they lost their opening game to Belgium 0-2.

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Breeding in: Schoolchildren in Waringstown, Co. Armagh, cowering from the draught of the Duchess of York's helicopter yesterday. Report, page 2

## Ministers dampen hopes on ERM

By ROBIN OAKLEY  
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MINISTERS are seeking to dampen down expectation of any rapid British entry into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system after a report that it could be as early as September lifted markets yesterday. The Treasury made it plain that there would be no advance notice of any such intentions and that it had offered no hints that entry was imminent.

Some Conservative EC enthusiasts feared that the re-emergence of Professor Sir Alan Walters, the former economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher whose insistence that ERM entry was a "half-baked" policy helped to precipitate the departure of Nigel Lawson as Chancellor of the Exchequer, indicated that the prime minister remained cool about the idea and might yet find more reasons to ensure that the time was not yet right.

However, senior government sources insisted that it remained government policy to enter as soon as all the regularly listed conditions, notably the convergence of the underlying inflation rate in Britain with the average EC rate, had been met.

Mrs Thatcher confirmed in the Commons yesterday that she was continuing to see Sir

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Sir Alan Walters: "A friend of the family"

## Moscow threat to UK 'special link' with US

By MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL EVANS

PRESIDENT Gorbachev gave a warning yesterday it would be "impermissible and unacceptable" if the special Anglo-American agreement on the exchange of nuclear weapons technology continued after the signing of a strategic arms reduction treaty (Start) at the end of this year.

Speaking to the Supreme Soviet, Mr Gorbachev said he objected to the unrestricted exchange of technology which would enable Britain to modernise nuclear weapons carried on submarines.

His statement undermined Moscow's new attempts to put pressure on Washington to change the special relationship, which dates back to 1958, and his remarks suggest that the Americans will come under increasing Soviet pressure to drop or rewrite its terms on defence in the coming months, even before the first Start agreement is signed.

The first hints of a serious rift over Britain's US-supplied Trident missile system emerged at the Washington summit. The Soviet leader told

President Bush the sale of Trident missiles to Britain could circumvent a follow-on Start agreement.

After the summit, James Baker, the US Secretary of State, had referred to the issue as requiring consultation with Britain.

Yesterday Mr Gorbachev, confirming that the question had been the subject of "serious disagreement" in Washington, went into some detail on the dispute and said it continued to be "unresolved". He explained that the US had insisted on the right to transfer "nuclear technology and anything else" to Britain, in the framework of the "special relationship", without restriction. "This leaves a channel through which the United States can continue to improve and even increase its nuclear arsenal within the framework of overall Nato strategy," he said.

However he accepted, albeit reluctantly, that Britain would purchase the Trident missile system and also that the British and French deterrents

would not be included in any arms-control talks until the Americans and the Soviet Union had agreed to cut their strategic arms by 50 per cent.

But if Start were signed, as planned, by the end of the year, the circumstances would change. The formula, "without restriction", was "impermissible and unacceptable", Mr Gorbachev said.

Last night Foreign Office sources dismissed Mr Gorbachev's statement on the British Trident deterrent. One source said: "The Americans have been very robust on this question and Mr Gorbachev must know he will get nowhere."

What surprised British officials was that the Soviet leader had not raised Trident in his meeting with the prime minister in Moscow last Friday. Unsolicited, Mrs Thatcher had reminded Mr Gorbachev that Britain wanted only a minimum deterrent.

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## Lithuania hope on blockade

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE three Baltic republics were given their first hopes yesterday by President Gorbachev of a break in the deadlock over their claim to independence from the Soviet Union when he met the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian presidents for the first time since the Lithuanians declared their independence unilaterally on March 11.

According to Anatolij Gorbunov, the Latvian president, Mr Gorbachev effectively recognised the republic's declared intention of seeking independence after a transitional stage had elapsed for negotiation.

President Landsbergis of Lithuania, whose republic had declared independence outright and has been subject to an economic blockade for the past two months, said he was returning to the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, today with proposals to submit to parliament which could lead to the lifting of the blockade. He gave no details.

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## Bolt gives clue to cockpit window blow-out

By HARVEY ELLIOTT  
AIR CORRESPONDENT

A BOLT measuring 1 1/2in that was one thirty-second of an inch smaller in diameter than it should have been has provided the vital clue investigators are seeking into the cause of the cockpit window blow-out of a British Airways BAC 1-11 over Oxfordshire.

The bolt, still in the cockpit window frame, is now believed to have been one of several which were fractionally too small and tore themselves free as the pressure in the aircraft cabin increased.

Captain Timothy Lancaster was blown through the hole left by the window by the decompression within the jet as air at a pressure of more than 5lb per square inch rushed out of the cabin.

The Civil Aviation Authority and British Aerospace, the manufacturer of

the BAC 1-11, said last night they were advising airlines throughout the world to check the bolts on their 1-11s. British Airways said it would now carry out a second check on the windshield bolts of its 34 1-11s, which would be completed by today. The company has suspended an engineer who was involved in replacing the jet's windshield two days before it took off on its flight from Birmingham to Málaga. The company has also carried out an initial check.

From the moment the complete cockpit window was found in a field in Oxfordshire investigators from the Department of Transport Air Accident Investigation branch began concentrating on the bolts which had been used to fit the window into the 19-year-old aircraft.

They ruled out corrosion or metal fatigue in the aircraft structure and

discounted fears that the bolts might have had some impurity. Now, however, they know a large number of the bolts were the wrong size but they do not know how many.

Large numbers of similar bolts are used in different parts of the aircraft, all marginally varying in size. Those for fitting the windshield two days before the incident were stored in a large cardboard container at Birmingham airport.

The force of the explosive decompression appears to have stripped the threads of the bolts, allowing them to tear out of the anchor nuts permanently fixed to the inside of the aircraft. The "sandwich" window is held in place by an aluminium frame which was also blown out during the incident. What

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# Ministers accused of failing to combat BSE threat to humans

By MICHAEL HORNSBY  
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THE Commons enquiry into "mad cow" disease will be told when it resumes today that the government has failed to take the action needed to prevent the possible spread of the condition to human beings.

Professor Richard Lacey of Leeds university microbiology department will also tell MPs on the agriculture select committee, which is conducting the enquiry, that the government's reasons for assuming that bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) will not pass to humans are unsound. In a

memorandum prepared for the committee he says that "much of the hope that BSE in cattle will not pass to man has now evaporated".

He maintains that the government is facing "a crisis of major magnitude" and its only response "seems to be the parrot-like claim from ministers that our beef is completely safe".

Professor Lacey is scheduled to appear before the committee this morning with two other critics of the government's handling of the BSE outbreak, Dr Helen Grant, who recently retired as a neuro-pathologist at Charing Cross hospital, and Dr Gareth Roberts, a lecturer in molecular neuropathol-

ogy at St Mary's hospital medical school.

Tomorrow the MPs will hear evidence from Sir Richard Southwood, Lincoln professor of zoology at Oxford University, who headed the working party that produced a report on BSE for the government in February last year.

The Commons enquiry was launched on May 16 after the discovery of a spongiform encephalopathy in a domestic cat strengthened fears that the agent causing BSE might be able to infect other mammals, including man. At the first sitting of the enquiry on May 23, John Gummer, the agriculture minister,

insisted that the government had done everything recommended by its scientific advisers.

In his submission to the committee, Professor Lacey says the government is in effect proposing "to permit a gigantic long-term experiment to see how many of us acquire a fatal infection that should have been entirely avoidable". He adds: "Man may or may not be vulnerable. There is no data on which to make a prediction."

"The best results would be no effect at all. The worst could be the development of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (spongiform encephalopathy in humans) on a massive scale 20-30 years hence. This could be

followed by vertical transmission in man." The professor challenges the assumption that BSE is a cattle version of scrapie, a spongiform encephalopathy that has been found in sheep over the past two centuries without harming man.

As extra control measures, Professor Lacey recommends a complete ban on all animal protein in animal feed; a ban on the rearing of calves from BSE-infected herds; the slaughter and incineration of all calves born to cows belonging to infected herds and of all milk-producing cows at the end of their useful lactation; and the creation of a certified BSE-free herd. He also contends that

present abattoir procedures, which require the removal from cattle carcasses of the brain, spinal cord and other nervous tissue thought to harbour the BSE agent, are dangerous and should be stopped. Beef cattle should be slaughtered as soon as possible, preferably under 18 months of age.

An outbreak of food poisoning in rural areas of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, a year ago may have been caused by jackdaws that pecked open bottles of milk on doorsteps, a local health official said yesterday.

Thirty people fell ill with campylobacter poisoning and all were later found to have drunk milk from bottles pecked by the birds. Jackdaws became the chief suspects after television cameras caught them in the act. Investigation by scientists at Durham university found that jackdaws and magpies carried the campylobacter bacteria, which they could have picked up from scavenging at sewage works or from eating dead animals.

Bill Colwell, Gateshead council's deputy director of health and consumer services, said yesterday that no further poisonings had been reported since his department had advised people to leave out covers which milkmen could place over bottles.

Chris Harris

## Heads back exam for less able sixth forms

By DOUGLAS BROOM, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE last bastion of traditional sixth-form studies fell yesterday when public school headmasters agreed to allow "lesser" examinations alongside A-level.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Head Masters Conference at Dulwich College, south London, agreed to support the introduction of other examinations to encourage less able teenagers to stay on at school after 16. While insisting that A-level must remain "the gold standard" of academic excellence, the heads urged the government to reform the Advanced Supplementary (AS) examination, introduced two years ago.

The AS requires the same academic standard as A-level while covering only half the factual content of its older sister. It is meant to be taken in parallel with A-level over the same two-year period to broaden the range of subjects studied by sixth formers.

The conference of 200 headmasters agreed that AS should be recast to become a one-year course for the first year of the sixth form. It would provide a common grounding for pupils of all abilities with highfliers going on to study A-levels in their second year. The conference also agreed that public school pupils should be offered vocational courses like those provided by the Business and Technician Education Council in their second

sixth-form year. The conference's views are certain to influence ministers wrestling with the need to reform courses for 16 to 19-year-olds to increase the number of teenagers staying on at school. At present only 39 per cent stay on after 16.

After rejecting the Higginson report two years ago, which called for the replacement of the three A-level system with five "lesser, tougher" examinations, ministers have been left without an attractive qualification to offer those unsuited or unable to reach A-level standards.

Mr David Jewell, Master of Haileybury and chairman of the conference, said he personally favoured a system in which all sixth-formers would start their courses by studying five subjects at AS level. The most able would go on to take A-levels in three or four of their subjects in the second year, while the others would be able to pursue all or most of their five subjects either at AS-level or in a vocational course.

Dr Eric Anderson, Head Master of Eton College, who proposed the reform, said: "We have to increase the number staying on in education and increase their best brains. It will be no service to them and a great disservice to the country to offer them something of a lower level than A-level. What we need is a new examination to set alongside A-level. No further erosion of A-level should be contemplated. The tradition of academic education in this country should not lightly be abandoned. The mark of our young people is diversity of talents, and diversity of talent is best served by diversity of examinations."

Mr Roy Chapman, Headmaster of Malvern College, said AS-levels in their present form had failed. "The half content approach is flawed and can never work," he said. However, he warned that any abandonment of A-level would lead to a loss of good teachers.

Mr Stuart Andrews, Headmaster of Clifton College, Bristol, warned the Conference against adopting measures that might be used by the government to restrict the freedom of schools to follow their own style in offering courses to pupils. "We should press ahead with what we believe is right and be prepared to take whatever public examinations are thrown at us. Our approach should be based on the tradition of pragmatism and idealism which has come to characterize the public schools."

## Curriculum changes criticised

SECONDARY school heads said yesterday that government reforms of the school syllabus for pupils aged 14 to 16 were "unworkable".

John MacGregor, the education secretary, was urged by the 7,500-member Secondary Heads Association to ensure a "coherent" approach to the National Curriculum.

John Sutton, the association's general secretary, said: "The provisions of the Education Reform Act, with a rigid subject prescription, will produce a curriculum at this level which is fragmented and leaves no element of choice to students."

"We run the risks of losing the benefit of the many curriculum developments of recent years, of limiting the range of challenge and of disenchanting students of all ability levels."

The Department of Education and Science said last night that no firm decision had been taken yet.

## Courtauld home at last after 60 years

By SIMON TAIT  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen Mother last night reunited formally the Courtauld Institute with its collection of paintings, prints and drawings, at Somerset House in the Strand, central London.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Courtauld management committee, and former chairman of the Stock Exchange, said yesterday: "It is a most fantastic achievement. To have raised £6 million at a rate of £1 million a year almost entirely from private sources — only £100,000 has come from government — is marvellous."

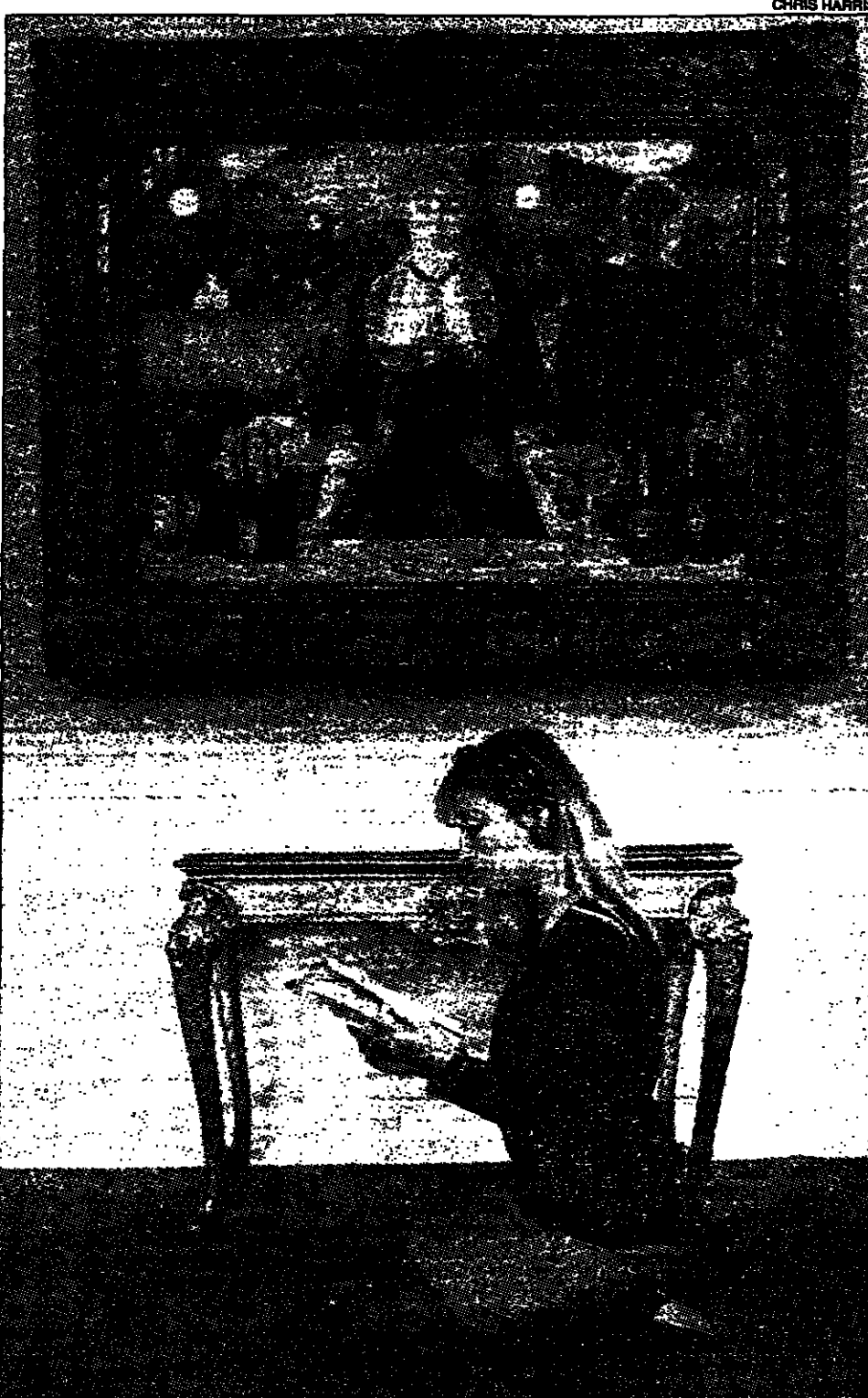
The restoration cost £10 million. London University, of which the institute is a part, provided £4 million.

"When, after the reforms of the Stock Exchange in 1986, I was asked by financial journalists what I was most proud of, I said it was securing Somerset House, and they looked at each other blankly. Now the whole world will know what I mean," he said.

The collection, which will be open to the public from Friday, has been hung in the centre of Somerset House's north block. The institute has made its home below and to the east and west of the collection. Samuel Courtauld, the textile magnate who founded the collection, expressed the wish that the institute and its collections should find a permanent joint home. The search took 60 years.

Professor Michael Kaufmann, director of the Courtauld, said: "That is one great success, the other is the restoration of this great building, William Chambers's masterpiece."

"While it was the greatest monument of neo-classical building in London, people had no idea at all of its importance. It had rather disgracefully fallen into neglect. In any other city it would have been celebrated and made a tourist attraction, but instead it had been closed in behind iron gates. We have had no



A woman reads the guide text on Manet's *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère*, which dominates the first part of the Courtauld's gallery of impressionists

indication that the civil servants are going to leave, but if they do I would hope that the other four sides of the building round the courtyard could house cultural institutions."

The north block was created by Sir William Chambers in 1780 as government offices.

The central fine rooms once housed the Royal Academy. Rowlandson's painting of the Summer Exhibition of 1787 shows the great room festooned with paintings above and below the "Royal Academy line", the mark of a painting's importance. The

Royal Academy moved out in the 1830s, and the last incumbent was the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Only a third of the Courtauld collection could be displayed at its previous home in Woburn Square. Now it will be able to display 80 per cent.

## Thatcher rejects job bar on MPs

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday rejected demands for rules to be introduced regulating the appointment of former cabinet ministers to the board of privatized firms.

As a backbench Labour MP introduced a bill which would impose a five year ban before former ministers could join the board of companies over whose privatization they presided, Mrs Thatcher said appointments to boardrooms were a matter for the good sense of the individual concerned.

She defended the movement between industry and

politics as of value to the country. She said successive governments believed it was valuable to have those with public experience of public affairs put their talents at the service of industry and those with experience of industry put their talents at the service of the government.

Since the appointment of a number of former cabinet ministers to the board of privatized firms, the Opposition has demanded regulations similar to those which operate for senior civil servants wishing to join commercial organisations on their resignation or retirement from government.

Later MPs gave a formal first reading to a bill sponsored by David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, banning former ministers from accepting appointments in firms they privatized for a period of five years after they had left office. The bill stands no chance of becoming law.

Last night Cable and Wireless, privatised in 1981, refused to comment on speculation that Lord Young of Gramham, who left the government last July, will be appointed chairman of the company.

## Mailshot fear for 100,000

By MARK SOUSTER

MORE than 100,000 members of the Royal British Legion have refused to be included on a membership list sold to mailshot companies.

Many fear they could become terrorist targets as the IRA has widened its bombing campaign to include so-called soft military targets.

The computerised list provides names and addresses of 500,000 of the 660,000 Legion members which are sold at the rate of £70 a thousand. Forces personnel are automatically excluded from the list, but many former servicemen and women are concerned that the sensitive information could provide a ready-made "hit list" for the IRA.

Last night the Legion said it was aware of the possible risks but was satisfied that precautions had been taken to safeguard its members.

The project will provide a valuable source of income for the Legion, which is at the centre of a Charity Commission investigation over a £14 million unpaid loan made three years ago to a subsidiary company, the Legion Leasehold Housing Association.

## Car carried bomb device for five days

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE investigating the car bomb attack by animal rights extremists that injured a baby boy, aged 13, months in Bristol, believe the device was planted at least five days before it exploded on Sunday.

Dr Patrick Headley, the intended victim, drove around the city for several days ignorant of the bomb.

Dr Headley, aged 43, of Bristol University's medical sciences department, escaped from his car after the bomb exploded near the handbrake mounting. John Cupper, the injured child, was passing in a pushchair with his father when the device exploded.

The child was hit by shrapnel. The device, hidden in a box held by a magnet, was first spotted last Wednesday morning by a neighbour who thought it was a car attachment. The device was seen again last Saturday by a neighbour who called the police. They failed to respond.

Yesterday, Detective Supt Peter Beardon, of Avon and Somerset police, said officers thought the bomb was left last Tuesday and was intended to go off last Wednesday at the same time as a bomb that exploded under a vehicle

driven by Mrs Margaret Baskerville, a veterinary surgeon at the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down, Wiltshire. Mrs Baskerville was slightly injured. The vehicle was burnt out.

Yesterday, Mr Beardon's officers produced a replica of the device, which is thought to have been made up of a navy blue cash box, a powerful magnet, plastic explosives that are used commercially and a trigger mechanism that is available commercially.

Dr Headley drove his car during Wednesday and Thursday, crossing the city centre. He got into his car again on Sunday, started driving and hit a bump in the road that loosened the bomb. Mr Beardon said that the bomb could have exploded at any time during the five days, with tragic consequences.

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## Action to cut acid rain threatens more mining jobs

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE spectre of more redundancies in coalfields was raised yesterday. PowerGen, which will supply about a third of the country's energy needs, said it planned to use coal with a low sulphur content as part of its strategy to reduce "acid rain" producing sulphur dioxide.

Mr Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, appeared to throw out a political and environmental challenge to the government when he applied for planning consent to fit sulphur removal plants at two of its largest power stations. He said the commitment to install them would depend on financial and commercial considerations.

His announcement came as Mr Kevan Hunt, British Coal employee relations director, told the annual conference of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers that if the industry allowed its future to depend on special pleading, stiff competition would hang over it like the sword of Damocles.

Mr Hunt said that the industry "still has everything to play for" but "never was and never will be a place for the faint-hearted". Those who believed a change of government would lead to a protectionist policy were "both futile and defeatist".

British Coal has said that 7,000 job losses announced earlier in the year could come sooner because of changing conditions at the pits. Sources close to the industry confirmed that if PowerGen and National Power, the other soon-to-be privatised division of the Central Electricity Generating Board, take policy decisions to buy foreign coal with a lower sulphur dioxide capability, the consequences for British Coal could be severe.

As Mr Hunt was telling delegates to the UDM con-

ference that the coal industry had to improve productivity and adopt more flexible working practices Mr Wallis said PowerGen had applied for permission to install flue gas desulphurisation equipment (FGD) at its Ratcliffe on Soar plant in Nottinghamshire and at Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire.

Mr Wallis said: "The installation of that equipment is an important part of PowerGen's strategy to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions. Other measures will include the burning of gas and the use of coal with a low sulphur content."

It is understood that the programme would cost about £700 million and that PowerGen's commitment will depend on the outcome of talks taking place with government ministers on the extent of the debt they will inherit once the flotation takes place.

Mr Wallis said: "We believe the FGD plants at Ratcliffe and Ferrybridge would make a significant reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions giving benefit locally, nationally and internationally."

## IRA used murder gun twice before

The gun used by IRA terrorists to kill Major Michael Dillon-Lee in Dortmund on June 2 had been used twice before in attacks in West Germany, Herr Hans-Jürgen Förster, spokesman of the federal prosecutor's office, confirmed yesterday (Ian Murray writes from Bonn).

Ballistics tests on cartridge cases found after the shootings showed they had been fired by the same AK 47 Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle.

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## Pupils help to save rain forest



Robbie Campbell, aged seven, and pupils in a model rain forest they have built at Burghill School, Hereford. They are taking their lessons on environmental protection further than simple nature walks (Craig Selton writes). The 42 pupils have sold their toys and books at car boot sales to raise £50 that has bought

them two acres of tropical rain forest in Belize, central America, to help save it from destruction. The village school is among dozens in the country that are joining a scheme launched by Gerald Durrell, the wildlife expert, to protect the Belize forests from development.

## Duchess names navy vessel in Belfast

By BOB RODWELL IN BELFAST

THE Royal Navy's latest vessel, the first example of the new class of "one stop" oil, ammunition and stores replenishment ship, costing £130 million, for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, was named at Harland and Wolff's Belfast shipyard by the Duchess of York yesterday.

The duchess landed in a Queen's flight helicopter beside the two giant cranes that span the biggest building dock in Europe to name the 30,000 tonne displacement Fort Victoria. Many months of completion work on the complex vessel lie ahead and it will be 1992 before she enters service as, in the words of the duchess, a "floating supermarket to support the fleet".

After the naming ceremony the duchess

mixed with shipyard workers, one of whom gave her an impromptu kiss. Among the guests of newly-privatised shipbuilders H & W was Tom King, the defence secretary, during whose term as Northern Ireland secretary the contract for the vessel was won.

Mr King avoided all questions of how, from his new perspective in Whitehall, he viewed the prospects for political progress in Northern Ireland. He also declined to comment on the IRA's latest bombing campaign on mainland Britain and continental Europe.

He said: "I have come to see the ship which saved this shipyard, for, if we hadn't got the order for H & W in 1986, this yard looked as though it had no

future. It was quite a battle at the time but now the yard is privatised I am very hopeful we will see a successful future for it." The order for the second vessel of its class was awarded to Swan Hunter on Tyneside to whom the Belfast company has had to hand over its drawings and designs data, a source of considerable resentment in Belfast where unfair politicking at Westminster is alleged.

Although the navy originally required six ships in the oil/replenishment class, Mr King gave no indication of when, if at all, an order for subsequent vessels would be placed. "I am not sure I can afford this one at the moment," he said. "We are looking at the future shape of the navy, the army and the air force."

## Poet's complaint

A complaint against *The Independent* by Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate, was upheld by the Press Council yesterday.

Mr Hughes complained that a review wrongly stated that a party had been held at the flat of his first wife, the poet Sylvia Plath, on the day of her funeral in 1963.

## Ballet coup

The Royal Ballet has engaged Irak Mukhamedov, of the Bolshoi ballet and one of the world's most spectacular dancers, as a full-time member of the company with immediate effect. Mukhamedov was born in Kazan and made his debut with the Bolshoi in 1981 in the role of Spartacus. Arts page 21

IRISH government lobbying EC tax cut to minimise economy after the Justice in Luxembourg cross-border shopping with Northern Ireland. The court found 48-hour rule, Irish Republic revenue since 1990 trade regulations. The Irish government restrictions to reduce people travel electronic goods and prices. This deprives a chequer of an extra



## Drugs case dropped to protect informant

By CRAIG SETON

THE police use of informers in drug investigations was under question yesterday after the Crown Prosecution Service and senior police officers in the West Midlands decided to offer no evidence in a drugs trial rather than risk having an informant's identity revealed in court.

John McPhee, aged 40, of Eccles, Manchester, walked free from Birmingham Crown Court where he had faced two charges of possessing cocaine with intent to supply and one of possession of the drug. The charges had been brought after it was alleged that cocaine with a street value of £50,000 had been found during a raid by drugs squad officers at the Midland Hotel, Birmingham.

Mr McPhee had pleaded not guilty and his defence was prepared to argue that drugs had been planted on him by the informer.

The prosecution was dropped after Judge Brian Farrer, QC, said that if the defendant was to have a fair trial an informer would have to go into the witness box. He was bound by a Court of Appeal ruling in a drugs case last July which he said ought to be reconsidered if the identity of informants was to be protected and respected by the courts.

The prosecution in the case against Mr McPhee at Birmingham Crown Court decided not to allow a police informer to be called to give evidence and face cross-examination and said the informant's life could be in danger if the identity was revealed. David McCarthy, prosecuting, told the court: "The Chief Crown Prosecutor, after receiving representations

by the Chief Constable of the West Midlands and his assistant, has decided to instruct me to offer no evidence in this case."

Mr McCarthy added: "The sordid world of drug dealing and the massive financial returns available can only be countered by using informants at the highest level. It is the current policy of HM Government to increase monetary awards to informants to combat the growing menace of hard drugs."

"The value of informants in serious drugs cases transcends the importance of this particular case and, in general, if the identity of such an informant in such a case is revealed, his life may be in imminent danger."

Judge Farrer told the court that the identity of the informer may not necessarily have been revealed but he said: "It may be that if the identity of informants are to be protected and respected by the courts, then the case of Regina v Agar ought to be reconsidered. Indeed, the sooner it is reconsidered, the better."

In that case, the Appeal Court quashed the conviction at Teesside Crown Court in February last year on Vincent Agar, who was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after being convicted of possessing amphetamines with intent to supply.

The Appeal Court said that although there was a special and well-established rule of public policy which inhibited the disclosure of the identity of police informants, there was an even stronger public interest in allowing a defendant to put forward a tenable defence in the best light. The court said the trial judge had erred in ruling that the defence could not put questions to police witnesses which might lead to the identification of the police informer.

● A senior police officer told *The Times* last night that informants played a vital role in drug investigations and police drug squads would be concerned to know whether the Agar case and the collapse of the prosecution in Birmingham would affect future operations.

● Informers are often a key ingredient in drug cases (Our Crime Correspondent writes). Many investigations might not succeed without them and the risk of identification is a high priority for police aware that retribution can be fatal especially from the South American cocaine cartels. Some informers have been named and survived. Normally the role of informants is not disclosed and the question of bringing the source to court does not arise.



The six finalists in the Shell-London Symphony Orchestra music scholarship outside the Barbican in central London yesterday before taking their places with the orchestra to compete for the £4,000 prize. They are, from left, Dominic Seldis, Hannah Roberts, Martin Storey, Bridget Evans, Emma Young and Janice Graham

## Pill for men 'in the next decade'

By ALISON CAMERON

A CONTRACEPTIVE pill for men could be available in the next 10 years but its widespread use was still a long way off, a conference marking 30 years of the pill was told in London yesterday.

Professor Dennis Lincoln, director of the Medical Research Council's reproductive biology unit in Edinburgh, said that trials were in progress in Edinburgh and at clinics around the world. "The real question is in converting this scientific opportunity into clinical practice."

He said that there was a lack of trust in men taking the pill, which acted on the pituitary gland stopping sperm production. However, he believed that within the next decade couples in stable relationships would be able to alternate the contraceptive responsibility between the male and the female partner.

His vision of the future included women no longer menstruating, tailor-made versions of the pill that would be designed to match the physiology of the individual woman and a contraceptive vaccine that could be reversed, giving fertility only when required.

Last night, Ruth Grigg, for the Family Planning Association, said: "We welcome the new research but we still have a basic problem of helping women right now."

There was still too little sex education and cuts to funding of advice centres were causing concern, she said. The policy on sex education in schools was shaped by governors and head teachers and was often "patchy".

## Police merit pay may replace long service awards

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard has called in a firm of City management consultants to draw up schemes for offering merit pay awards to police officers who consistently do their jobs well.

A police merit scheme could end the practice of paying increments based on length of service rather than ability. A London initiative would be most certainly spread to the rest of the country's police.

If the plan is sanctioned the extra pay would not be dependent on a large number of arrests or convictions. Senior officers would look at the annual assessments made each year throughout the force, basing awards on the reports' conclusions.

The idea of performance-related pay has been raised as part of the Yard's Plus programme, which is intended to improve the corporate image of the police internally and externally. Merit awards are seen as one way of instilling the virtues outlined in the Plus programme because extra pay could depend on how officers measured up to standards of service and behaviour being disseminated throughout the London police force under the programme.

Work on possible schemes is being prepared for the Yard by Peat, Marwick. Senior officers believe the Metropolitan police pay bill, totalling £647 million last year, would not increase. The cost of any scheme would be offset by reducing or ending the payments for length of service.

Staff associations such as the Police Federation, which represents the junior ranks, may not relish the dev-

## First minutes of prison riot captured on tape

By PETER DAVENPORT

A TAPE recording of the violent first moments of the Strangeways riot, recovered from the wreckage of the prison chapel, was played to the Woolf enquiry into the disturbances yesterday.

The tape, lasting three minutes and seven seconds, was played during the evidence of the senior chaplain at Strangeways, the Rev Noel Proctor, who conducted the morning service where the riot started on April 1. The recording highlighted his attempts to regain control, even after a prison officer was knocked unconscious.

Mr Proctor was about to announce the final hymn at the end of a sermon on the conversion of St Paul when a prisoner rushed from his seat. He was heard on the tape to shout: "This man has just talked about the blessing of the heart and that a hardened heart can be delivered. No, it cannot, not with resentment, anger and bitterness and hatred being instilled in people."

There was then a general eruption of noise from the congregation of about 300,

followed by chanting, clapping and stamping of feet. Mr Proctor was heard making several appeals for the prisoners to sit down. At one point he said: "Right lads, down, come on, this is no way to carry on in God's house." Later, amid increasing noise and confusion, he made more pleas for them to return to their seats. A prisoner responded: "Why is it? It's been waiting to happen forever. It will never change."

The chaplain appealed to all those prisoners not wanting to be involved in the disturbance to go to the back of the church. A prisoner shouted: "What, you're an effing hypocrite." The chaplain: "I am trying to help you ...". An unknown voice: "Leave it mate." The recording then went dead, the plug having been pulled from its socket. The service had been taped as part of a programme of recording guest speakers' sermons during Lent.

Mr Proctor said that when he arrived at the prison that morning he had been told by a governor on duty of rumours that there could be trouble and

that extra staff would be drafted in to the service.

Mr Proctor described his attempts to help a prisoner who was attacked and knocked unconscious. He said the attack appeared to be the flashpoint beyond which any opportunity of regaining control was lost. A crowd of prisoners gathered around the officer, kicking him.

The chaplain said he ran into the crowd and knocked some of the inmates out of the way, calling for prisoners who were members of the choir to help him to pull the injured officer into the vestry. Then a prisoner grabbed the officer's keys and ran off shouting: "I've got the keys." Mr Proctor added: "I ran after him but halfway up the stairs a man approached me with a fire extinguisher above his head. I ordered him to drop it, and he did much to my surprise."

One prisoner broke up a chapel chair to use as a weapon and others pulled on hoods. Mr Proctor said he was then surrounded by a group of men who said they wanted to get out of the riot. They went into the vestry, where he spent some moments calming them down and taking their names before leaving to get help.

The officer who was knocked unconscious in the chapel told the enquiry that the prison management's failure to respond properly to warnings of a disturbance had nearly cost him his life.

Brian McCormick, who has still not returned to work, said inmates were not searched and he and his colleagues had not been provided with protective equipment or riot gear. He did not believe that fifty officers would have been enough to cope with the "appalling scenes" in the chapel, but if they had been issued with riot gear inmates may have realised that staff were ready for the disturbance and it might have been stopped quite quickly. He added: "The unpreparedness of management and total lack of basic precautions to prevent the riot happening and deal with it once it was under way nearly cost me my life."

Earlier, Lord Justice Woolf approved guidelines to ensure the anonymity of those who may have committed criminal offences and of prisoners who speak at the enquiry, which continues today.

## Probation upheaval ruled out

By QUENTIN COWDREY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday attempted to calm fears that it was moving quickly towards creating a national probation service by effectively ruling out legislation before the next general election.

Mr David Waddington, the home secretary, said no decision had been taken even in principle to set up a centrally run service. He pointed out that there were persuasive arguments for and against the proposal, which has alarmed probation officers. "If we do go down that road it is highly unlikely that there could be legislation in this parliament."

Probation officers say abandonment of a locally based structure would stifle initiative and allow ministers to impose "unacceptable" approaches to working with offenders. The government argues that the move could permit more direct and flexible funding and improve accountability and consistency of standards.

Addressing the annual meeting of the National Association of Probation and Bail Hostels, he also said that privatisation of approved hostels was not a "live" issue. It is understood, though, that ministers still believe private landlords could, in conjunction with charities, establish a network of flats and houses for defendants on bail requiring less intensive supervision.

Mr Waddington said he recognised that hostels run by volunteers were having to cope with more difficult clients, given the fact that the number of prisoners on remand had fallen by 1,551 to 8,260 over the past 18 months.

He added, however, that increases in staff cover could be agreed only if hostels improved efficiency. If costs were not restrained, he would find it increasingly difficult to persuade the Treasury of the benefit of spending more on measures to divert defendants from custody.

## A 500cc bishop for Hereford



Archdeacon Oliver and his 500cc motor cycle, the nearest he could find to a "classic"

THE Ven John Oliver, archdeacon of Sherborne, in Dorset, is a motor cycle enthusiast, a railway "buff", a former chaplain of Eton, supports the ordination of women as priests and, Downing Street announced yesterday, is to be Bishop of Hereford.

Mr Oliver, aged 55, will succeed Bishop John Eastaugh who died aged 69 earlier this year. Mr Oliver is expected to be consecrated in December.

The archdeacon returns to work in an area where he and his wife, Meriel, spent their honeymoon 29 years ago. They have a cottage in the hills above Peterchurch.

He said that as a young man he had had lots of motor cycles, but had promised to give them up when he was married. Now his three children were grown up his wife had "agreed to relent" and he had managed to find the nearest thing to a classic, a Honda 500cc single.

Mr Oliver was educated at Westminster School and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, before being ordained a priest in 1965. He spent four years as chaplain at Eton College.

## Golf flight lands a £300 fine

RICHARD George, managing director of Westabix, was fined £300 and ordered to pay £280.50 costs by Atherstone magistrates yesterday after admitting flying a helicopter over or within 3,000ft of a crowd of more than 1,000 people at an organised event.

Mr George, aged 45, of Drayton, Market Harborough, had flown his machine over thousands of spectators listening to speeches at the end of the Ryder Cup golf match at the Belfry last year.

The court was told that, when questioned, Mr George said he had left the tournament and flown over to get a final look at the last stages.

Alan May, one of the organisers of the closing ceremony, complained, however, that the noise had disturbed the speeches. A crowd of more than 10,000 people were watching at the Belfry and the event was being relayed by live television to 26 countries.

Andrew Cave, prosecuting for the Civil Aviation Authority, said Mr May saw the helicopter approaching the area of the closing ceremony on September 24. "Apparently the noise from the helicopter drowned out the voice of the speaker and then it flew off in an easterly direction," Mr Cave said.

Tudor Owen, for the defence, said Mr George had been a helicopter pilot for 19 years. He sought flight details for the event but had not received a further letter sent to commercial operators that said the helipad was unlicensed and exemptions were needed to use it. Mr Owen described the case as purely a technical offence.

## Donaldson refuses to give evidence

THE judge who headed the trial of the Maguire family said yesterday that he would not give evidence to the enquiry into the convictions.

Lord Donaldson, of Lynton, the Master of the Rolls, who tried the Maguire Seven in 1976, said that judges could not be expected to be cross-examined. "He said the verdict of any trial is that of the jury, and not of the judge. It is his job to sit at the trial and assist the jury," said David Clarke, counsel for the May enquiry, who read a statement from Lord Donaldson.

"Judges must, and as we know do, accept it is part of the job to remain silent in the face of criticism, whether right or wrong. If the criticism is justified, they will seek to avoid the error in future. They must never seek to defend themselves. Their records must speak for themselves," Lord Donaldson said.

Annie Maguire, now aged

54, her sons Patrick, 29, and Vincent, 31, her brother Sean Smyth, 52, husband Patrick, 57, his brother-in-law, Giuseppe Conlon, who died in prison in 1980, and family friend Patrick O'Neill, 49, were convicted of handling explosives.

They were jailed for between five and 14 years, after being arrested at the height of an IRA campaign, which included the Woolwich and Guildford pub bombings.

Sir John May QC, the judge presiding over the enquiry, outlined the problems he would have to resolve before making his judgment. He needed to consider a number of points including the scientific evidence which was the kingpin of the prosecution case, the handling of the judge's summing-up and the omission of some expert witnesses to reveal results of certain tests.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

## Restrictions on Irish border shopping outlawed

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

IRISH government ministers were lobbying EC tax officials yesterday to try to minimise damage to the economy after the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg outlawed cross-border shopping restrictions with Northern Ireland.

The court found that the so-called 48-hour rule, which has saved the Irish Republic millions of pounds in revenue since 1987, breached EC trade regulations.

The Irish government introduced restrictions to reduce the large numbers of people travelling north to buy electronic goods and alcohol at lower prices and at lower value added tax rates. This deprived the Irish exchequer of an estimated £40 million

in lost tax revenue in 1986 alone. The new law limited duty free allowances only to those who could prove to customs that they had spent at least 48 hours in Northern Ireland. The result was that the thousands who travelled north on regular shopping expeditions was reduced to a trickle and many businesses just north of the border were severely affected.

The court said that the attempt by Dublin to draw a distinction in law between "genuine" travellers to Northern Ireland and those crossing the border for purely "fiscal" motives was incompatible with EC regulations. The changes made by Dublin were not in accordance with any EC directive or protective measure pro-

vided by the Treaty of Rome. Businessmen in the north welcomed the court decision and predicted that cross-border trade would again boom.

The department of finance in Dublin, however, said that the ruling would open the door to renewed widespread abuse of duty free allowances. One official said: "Organised duty trips from as far away as Cork, 200 miles from the border, were being noted. In acting the way we did, we felt justified under EC law because of what we saw as an abuse of allowances."

The Irish government has launched lobbying efforts in Europe to secure a new restriction of 36 hours on travellers returning to the Republic

with goods valued at up to £40 in an attempt to offset the effects of yesterday's decision. Albert Reynolds, finance minister, said the existing 48-hour rule would continue to apply until consultations with EC Commission officials had been concluded.

Mr Reynolds said he regretted the court had been unable to find in favour of Ireland, "particularly in view of the forceful case that had been presented by the government and the uncontroverted evidence of the serious abuses occurring prior to the introduction of the 48-hour rule". The government would be looking for an agreement on modified arrangements to prevent what he called the abuses and distortions of trade up to 1987.

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# Saunders says City mafia engineered his downfall

By PAUL WILKINSON

Sir John Nott, the former Tory cabinet minister, was yesterday accused of heading a "corporate mafia" intent on making Ernest Saunders a scapegoat for the Guinness affair.

Mr Saunders, the former chief executive of Guinness, said the mafia was a combination of Sir John, the chairman of the merchant bank Lazard, senior people in Guinness's newly appointed solicitors, Herbert Smith, and several of his non-executive directors who were keen to dismiss him.

On his sixth day in the witness box giving evidence in his defence, Mr Saunders described Sir John as "the man who sank the Belgrano" and accused him of "pure opportunism. He saw the way things were flowing and saw that Saunders was going to be put out. So he went with the bandwagon, maybe even leading it."

Mr Saunders and three other leading City figures deny charges alleging an illegal share support operation during Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover of the Scottish drinks company Distillers in 1986.

With Mr Saunders in the dock are Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron International group of companies, Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, the financier.

They face 24 counts alleging theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Mr Saunders described how he was told of his dismissal by Guinness in January 1987: "In the most callous way imaginable." It was only days after an executive committee meeting had told him that if he stood aside temporarily the firm would look after him.

Mr Saunders said he was in hospital recovering from a coronary attack when a nurse handed him a letter from Sir Norman McFarlane, chairman of the non-executive directors. "Far from stepping aside with full pay and every assistance to clear my name I was being dismissed and cut



Sir John: Accused of heading corporate mafia

off without a penny." Mr Saunders said he and his supporters on the Guinness board had been outmanoeuvred. They were relatively inexperienced and naive compared to Sir John and his colleagues "who were all powerful experienced City and political operators".

Mr Saunders said that only days before his dismissal he had planned to step down temporarily while a Department of Trade and Industry investigation of the takeover took place but keep running the company as chief executive. He said that it was not an admission of guilt, but was intended to prevent the company "tearing itself apart".

He had intended to announce his decision at the executive committee meeting, but before it began, Mr Ernest Guinness, a director, approached him saying he had been asked by the other directors to speak to him. Mr Guinness said Lazard had warned them of their legal responsibilities and suggested that they ran the risk of being sued by shareholders for a breach of their fiduciary duty and the possibility of losing their homes.

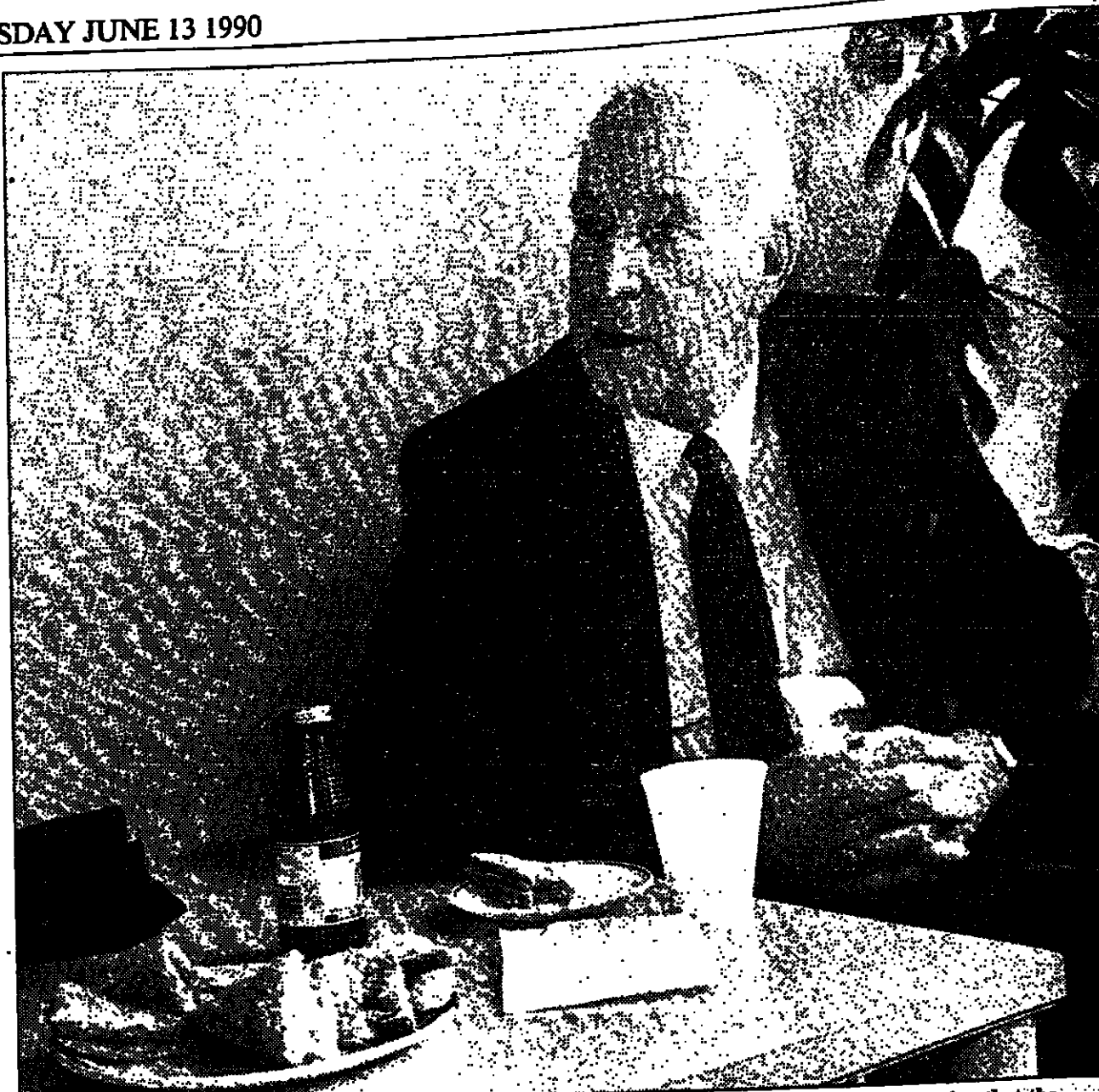
Mr Saunders said that Guinness told him the directors wanted him to "step aside, their term, as chairman

and chief executive pending the outcome of the DTI enquiry. He then went on to imply that "we expect this will not take long, you will have all the facilities to clear your name, your pay will continue." Mr Saunders said he was obliged to accept.

He flew to Dublin to meet Lord Iveagh, the head of the Guinness family and president of the company. "Lord Iveagh was very sad. I said to him, 'Benjamin, there is no way, is there, that you are going to allow these people to rat on the agreement in regard to my personal situation.' He replied, 'Ernest, after what you have done for the company, if the company rallied on you the family would look after you in any case.'"

Richard Ferguson, QC, for Mr Saunders, questioned him about his account with the Swiss bank UBS in Zurich. Allegedly, illegal fees of £3 million paid by Guinness to the US Attorney, Thomas Ward, were put into the account in July 1986 shortly after the Distillers takeover. Mr Saunders said Mr Ward asked to use the account as a personal favour as a temporary holding place for client funds intended for investment in Switzerland.

The hearing continues today.



Mr Saunders pausing for a frugal lunch in between court appearances. He told the court yesterday that the Guinness executive ratted on an agreement over his personal finance. "I was cut off without a penny"

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## Minister refuses to stop new village

By CRAIG SETON

CHRIS Patten, the environment secretary, has finally rejected pleas to block plans for a new satellite village at Hanbury, Hereford and Worcester, the rural community that inspired the fictional village of Ambridge in the BBC radio series *The Archers*.

Mr Patten announced yesterday that he had approved alterations to the structure plan for the county allowing for 50,000 new homes by the end of the century and permitting Wychavon district council to consider a new village at Hanbury, which has a population of 800 people.

Mr Patten has introduced safeguards to minimise the impact of the proposed new village, which local people believe will include 1,000 homes, a golf course and other leisure facilities. Hereford and Worcester county council said yesterday that the tight constraints set out by the environment secretary might force the developers to think again about the new settlement.

Villagers at Hanbury, near Droitwich, have campaigned for a year to stop the plans put forward by William Davis Homes, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Barratt. They claimed it would swamp a rural community mentioned in the Domesday Book and that has changed little for centuries. An action group formed to fight the proposal said residents were bitterly disappointed at Mr Patten's decision. The battle would continue.

Mr Patten said it was for district councils to decide whether they wanted to meet future housing needs through new village developments. The Hereford and Worcester plan provided a balance between the need for development and the need to maintain a strong green belt and preserve the environment.

## Employers urged to introduce drug tests

By RUTH GLEDHILL

DRUG tests are an option that could help employers combat burgeoning drug abuse at work, the Health and Safety Executive says.

Drug screening, widespread in the United States, could be helpful in certain key jobs where mental and physical impairment caused by substance abuse could have disastrous effects for the individual, colleagues, members of the public and the environment.

In a booklet published yesterday, the safety executive cites drivers, pilots and some machinery operators as examples where a case could be made for testing. A significant number of drug-abusers are employed, according to the executive, and the number of people notified by doctors to the Home Office as being addicted to drugs such as heroin and cocaine rose from 2,100 in 1978 to 9,000 in 1988.

Dr Graham Lucas, consultant psychiatrist at King's College Hospital, London, and chairman of the working party that produced the booklet, said up to half the people attending drug dependency clinics were in regular employment. "This includes people in the media, people associated with gambling and a lot of artists. It goes from social class one to social class five. Drug abuse is not an 'us and them' problem," he said.

British Rail said anonymous drug screening at routine medicals last year disclosed a problem that "was no more than what would be expected from an organisation of our size and from a cross section of the population". BR is talking with the trade unions and hopes to introduce screening of applicants for safety related posts this year.

Drug abuse at work: a guide to employers (HSE offices, or HSE, Baynards House, 1 Chesapeake Place, London W2 4TF; free).

## Child health records

Parents of new-born babies are to be given health "MOT" booklets in which vital details of their children's early development will be logged, doctors announced yesterday. The record, which will be held by parents, will also show if a child has been immunised and the outcome of screening checks.

Dr Aidan MacFarlane, chairman of a working party representing health associations, said: "Now is the time to give more power to parents by giving them more and better information about their child's health and development."

## £19,000 fines

Charles Callender, aged 31, a former company director, of Calderwood, East Kilbride, was fined £19,000 yesterday after admitting 38 charges of selling cars with false mileage readings. Hamilton Sheriff Court was told that he was not personally responsible for clocking the cars but his guilty pleas implied an acceptance that they were not correctly checked before sale.

## PC honoured

Police Constable Mark Gray, aged 27, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, is to receive the Queen's award for bravery for helping to arrest an armed man, subsequently jailed for life for murder, rape and robbery, at Dartford, Kent.

## Soccer verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at Hornsey coroners' court yesterday on Laurie Cunningham, aged 33, the England and Real Madrid soccer star, who died in a car crash in Spain last July. His passenger, Mark Caswell-Latty, an American, said in a statement that they had been driving back from a disco after a night of drinking.

## Child enquiry

The Health and Safety Executive started an enquiry yesterday into the death of Frank Mather, aged three, who fell into farm machinery at his home, Stanfree Manor Farm, Stanfree, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

## Death leap

Police were yesterday trying to identify a man who leapt to his death from a bridge in front of a train at St John's, near Woking, Surrey. He was aged between 50 and 60, with light brown or ginger hair.

## Seal hospital

A £250,000 'hospital' to treat injured and abandoned seals from the Wash is to be opened at Hunstanton, Norfolk.

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# Subsidy blow puts Channel link focus back on Swanley

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher's announcement in the Commons yesterday that there would be no direct subsidy for the proposed 68-mile Channel tunnel rail link between Folkestone and London came after repeated warnings by Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary, that the government would abide by the Channel Tunnel Act, 1987, which prohibits the use of government money for the development of international rail services.

The formal decision is not expected to be taken until the Cabinet meets tomorrow, and the possibility of some form of indirect subsidy to salvage the scheme cannot be ruled out. But British Rail, Trafalgar House, and BICC, the three partners in the European Rail Link (ERL) consortium, believe that is also unlikely. They must now decide whether to proceed with the project by substantially reducing construction costs.

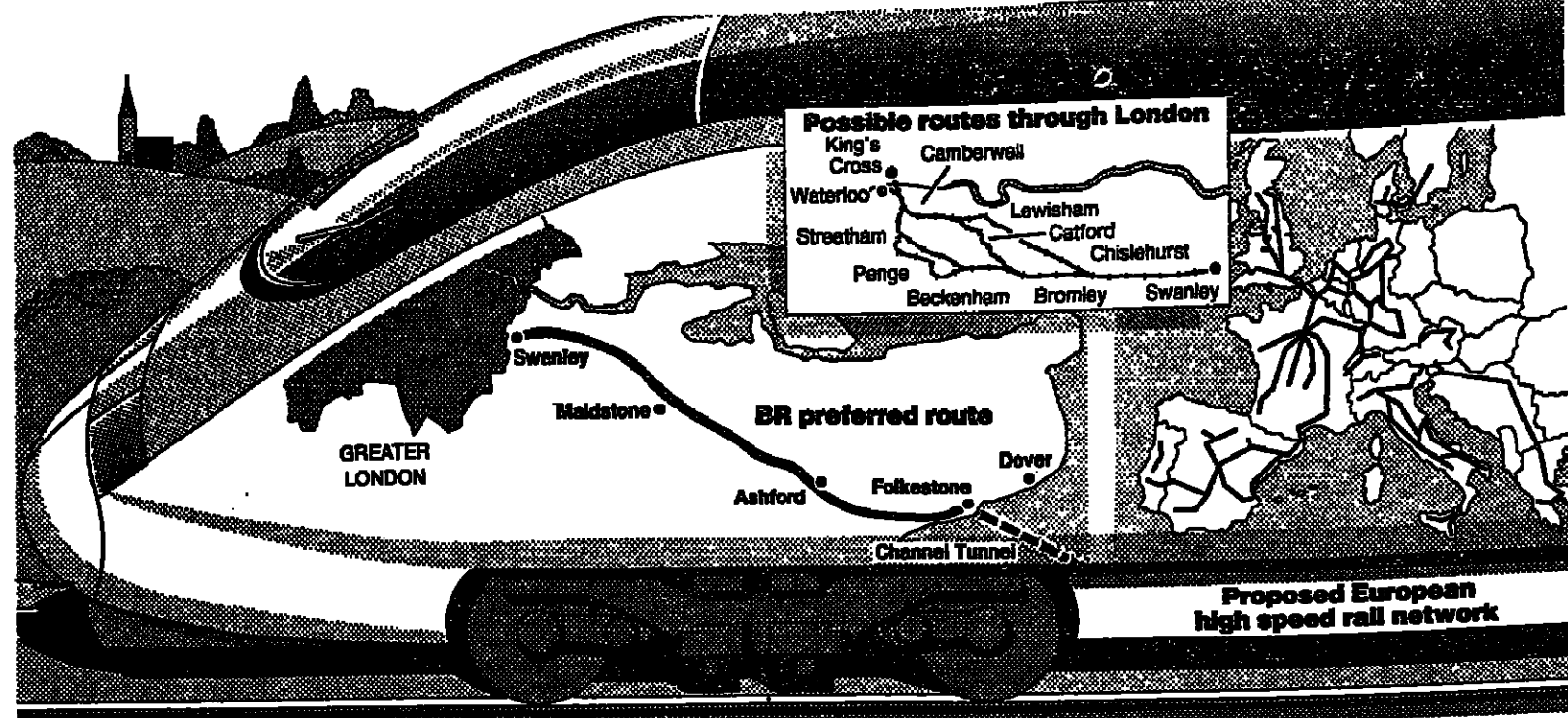
One option would be to build the new line between Folkestone and Swanley, and use an existing mainline corridor to complete the journey from Paris and Brussels into central London.

The merchant bank Kleinwort Benson had drawn up a complicated package for constructing the link. To im-

plement it, the ERL consortium would have required extensive financial and legislative support from the government. It is understood that ERL had requested a subsidy or "user fee" of about £400 million from the Treasury in exchange for granting Network SouthEast, the BR sector responsible for services in the region, half the capacity of the new line to improve commuter services in Kent. ERL was confident the wholesale improvements in Kent commuter services brought about by the link, would secure government support.

The package required the conversion of the £1.1 billion British Rail spending on track improvements, new freight and passenger rolling stock, modern signalling, and development of London's first international terminal at Waterloo, into a loan for the ERL consortium, repayable in full by 2010. It also called for the government to abandon the proposed private bill procedure, and to assume responsibility for piloting the necessary legislation for the link through parliament to remove the political uncertainty overshadowing the project.

The final, most highly-guarded secret of the consortium's package, was a proposed route from Swanley



into King's Cross, after the abandonment of an earlier proposal to route the trains in an 18-mile tunnel under south London. The ERL revised route was to have run in an existing mainline corridor, and its rejection is likely to be welcomed by residents in south London.

ERL was confident the proposed link would reduce journey times for inter-capital

services by 30 minutes, and cut times for Kent commuter services. The 99-mile journey from Ramsgate to London takes two hours, ten minutes; the 77 miles from Dover one hour forty minutes, and the 56 miles from Ashford one hour five minutes. With the link, journey times would have been cut to 65, 60 and 35 minutes respectively.

However, because traffic

forecasts are that demand will exceed the capacity of the upgraded BR route by 1998, ERL will now have to consider terminating the link at Swanley, if its private sector partners remain interested in the scheme. The prospects of reviving other proposals for routing the link from Folkestone into King's Cross through Stratford, east London, which could cost

more than £4 billion, can be ruled out.

A spokesman for the consortium dismissed the claim in the Commons by Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, that the ERL plan would reduce the journey time from Folkestone to London by a mere 20 minutes, at the cost of "several hundred million pounds." "The time saving would be 30 minutes,

not 20 minutes. That is a fact," the spokesman said. "What was said in the House of Commons was not a reply to our proposal submitted to the Department of Transport in April. We will not be responding until we are formally notified after the Cabinet committee meeting on Thursday."

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## Besieged transport minister on a bed of nails

By PHILIP WEBSTER  
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CECIL Parkinson is enduring a painful spell as cabinet whipping boy. Since becoming transport secretary in last summer's reshuffle, he has been subjected to a campaign of denigration, some of it emanating from the department of energy, which he headed, over his handling of electricity privatisation.

If tomorrow's cabinet decision results in the Channel tunnel rail link not being built (and it remains an if), his difficulties may increase. This is in spite of the fact that in refusing a subsidy he is merely conforming to Thatcherite orthodoxy and the legislation authorising construction of the tunnel.

According to some Conservative and many Labour MPs, history is unlikely to take a kind view of a minister who, collective responsibility notwithstanding, will be accused of failing to allow Britain to develop a rail network similar to those of her European partners. It is criticism that Mr Parkinson can be expected to take with stoicism. He knew from the start that transport would be a bed of nails, caught between the environmental and industrial lobbies.

Approval of any project brings him into conflict with the former; denial of any scheme, such as the link, to improve infrastructure brings the accusation from the latter that he is standing in the way of progress.

Mr Parkinson's friends, however, emphasise that with finite resources he has to concentrate them on improving the transport network generally. They argue that he has set in hand the biggest rail infrastructure programme for 25 years; that the tunnel will be fully serviced when it is built; and that he is taking precisely the kind of tough decisions Mrs Thatcher appointed him to take.

Mr Parkinson will be lambasted by Labour tomorrow if the project is shelved. John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said yesterday: "Everything has gone into reverse since he took over. First of all he was keen on this link. Then, when he found out the Treasury was not prepared to stump up the cash he changed his tune."

There will be mixed feelings among his colleagues on the Tory benches. There will be those like Hugh Dykes and Robert Adley, the former a devout pro-European, the latter an ardent railway enthusiast, who will attack the Government. The Kent MPs may cheer if the project founders, they say, but they will soon be carping when their constituents fail to find seats on over-crowded trains running on congested tracks.

This view, however, is not shared by what appears to be a good majority of their colleagues. Some welcome the idea of the link being put off at least until after the general election when it could cost some MPs a lot of votes. Others see the tunnel itself as a speculative project and believe it would be wrong to commit the taxpayer to funding a link that might not prove necessary. Others say the link will not be needed for 10 years in any case.

Few MPs believe tomorrow's decision will make much difference to Mr Parkinson's long-term future. "It is horrendously difficult. It will be understood by those in favour of it, and not understood by those who are against."

## Air defence project 'over-running in time and costs'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE £1.6 billion Ministry of Defence project for a new anti-aircraft guided missile system is three years behind schedule and nearly £300 million over budget, a parliamentary enquiry has disclosed.

The Commons defence committee says that Britain's capability in low intensity action involving tanks, high-speed air attacks and helicopters is reduced until the sophisticated Rapier field standard C (FSC) air defence system is ready. Instead, the armed forces must rely on out-of-date equipment until the mid-1990s.

The committee blames British Aerospace, which "seriously erred" in the original estimate. The defence ministry, however, is also criticised for failing to vet the figures and for underestimating technical risks.

Development of Rapier FSC, which combines radar, missile-launchers and surface-to-air missiles towed behind aircraft, involves leading edge technology, significant technical risk and uncertainty, absence of a definitive specification and cost-plus contracting, the report says. "In combination these characteristics produced an unstable development programme with inevitable consequences: cost and time over-runs."

Full development began in January 1983 and the system

was expected to be ready in less than 10 years. The three-year slippage is regrettable and has disappointed the armed services, the report says. "We consider this disappointment to be justified. The future prospect of low intensity conflicts in which tanks, high-speed attack aircraft and helicopters are deployed will increase rather than decrease the importance of air defence systems."

"More emphasis on mobile UK-based forces would increase the requirement for air defence systems to protect sea lanes, communication routes and air bases used by reinforcing troops. Delay to the introduction of Rapier FSC, therefore, needs to be minimised."

Because of the delays, ageing and less reliable equipment must be kept going longer than scheduled, also adding to defence costs, according to the report. "It is essential, therefore, that Rapier FSC's in-service date, already delayed significantly, should not slip further."

The project ran into trouble in 1986 when British Aerospace's estimated development costs rose by £288 million and led to a re-launch.

The MPs question a contingency of £113 million allowed to the company in exchange for bearing the development risks. The defence ministry did not think the extra funds

"unusual" in such a big programme. The report says: "But certainly a contingency of such proportion is indicative of a high-risk and potentially volatile programme."

"Had the technical uncertainty in the programme been more fully understood before development began BAe might have accepted an incentive contract at the outset at a price and on terms which would have ensured that much of the cost increase represented by the contingency allowance, as well as by programme changes and additional contracts, was borne by the company."

Mr Allan Rogers, Labour's defence spokesman, called for the resignation of Mr Alan Clark, minister for defence procurement, and Mr Peter Levene, head of the procurement executive, for "gross mismanagement" of the Rapier project.

He said the report "reveals an incredible tale of cost and time over-runs. Not only have there been overruns, but an enormous amount of taxpayers' money, they have also endangered the defence of this country due to the lengthy delay to its introduction into service," he said.

House of Commons defence committee 7th report: the procurement of Rapier FSC (Stationery Office, £7.85.)

## Day out for beggar in a grey suit

NICK GOLDFINGER

Prosecutions for begging in central London have tripled over the past year. The Home Office is considering pilot projects under which police would make greater use of cautions and refer more beggars to specialist agencies. William Greaves spent a day in a London magistrates' court observing one vagrant's legal process.

DONALD Hamilton began the morning with grilled tomatoes, sausage and two rounds of toast. Never mind that it was served to him in a cell at Vine Street police station, and that he paid for it with a five-minute appearance at Bow Street magistrates' court, it was going to be one of his better days.

Where he usually wakes up, invariably with something of a hangover, is a derelict building in Kensington, where a mattress, a blanket and a bedside table constitute his residence. He is 66, grammar school educated, and for the past 14 years he has slept in a variety of hostels, doorways and open spaces when he has not been serving out his eight prison sentences, mostly for theft and minor felony.

But it was his turn to join the hopeless motley of drifting humanity which shuffles almost daily through London's courts, charged under the antiquated 1824 Vagrancy Act with begging. He confronted the panel of three justices of the peace in a smart "new" grey suit, given to him the day before by the sisters of St Mary's Convent, Roehampton.

It had just been his misfortune that the man from whom he had begged the price of a beer the previous night



A thoughtful draw for Donald Hamilton after his brief taste of life outside his derelict home

had turned out to be a plain-clothes policeman. He was, he explained to the court, only asking for it on behalf of a friend as "an act of mercy."

The bench scarcely seemed to listen. "A fine of £25 or one day," said the chairman, not without sympathy. "Thank you, sir," said Hamilton, knowing full well that his night in police custody accounted for that one day and that he was free to leave. The whole brief episode had been as purposeless as his own daily routine.

Nearly 1,400 of his fellow beggars had appeared in just four of Inner London's 14 magistrates' courts last year, more than 900 of them receiving the same kind of sentence or a conditional discharge. Life had seemed full of promise when he had left Stockton-on-Tees as a 12-year-old schoolboy and come to London with his mother and three sisters to join his brother in the family's Chelsea flat. By the time he finally left school, latterly at Deptford, the second world war had just been declared and, failing a medical examination for military service, he spent the next four years with the land army and a further year seconded to the Royal Army Pay Corps as a clerk.

"It was only after the war that I was found to be suffering from tuberculosis and the next three years were spent in various sanatoria," he said. "But I was determined not to waste my time and took a British Tutorial Institute postal course in sales and advertising."

For the next decade Hamilton's career flourished, first as personal assistant to one of British Insulated Callender's Cables' chief engineers and then as a banking supervisor with Lombard Banking, and he became happily married. "Then, in 1963, it all began to go wrong," he said without bitterness. "My mother died

that year and in 1964 I suffered my second breakdown in health, being admitted for a recurrence of TB."

"After that, I didn't really know what I was doing. I found my sister's cheque book lying around and used about twelve of them, got caught, was jailed for five months and my wife left me."

After serving his sentence, Hamilton found lodging at a Toc H hostel, was thrown out for drinking, slept rough for a time, met his second wife Kathy in a pub and together they enjoyed a resurgence of fortune, working with the catering department of the National Westminster Bank.

"That lasted for about a year but I'm afraid the booze got to me — mostly lager and sometimes brandy — and we lost the job. Kathy found a hostel and, without them knowing, I used to sleep in the basement. Until I was caught, that is, and I moved out so as not to spoil it for her."

"That was 1974. Kathy left me and since then I've slept in a succession of Toc H and Salvation Army hostels, doorways, parks, anything I could find. I've got a bus pass and a pension book — it's expired but I'm trying to renew it — but really I'm a beggar these days."

"It's not really a lonely life. I've had one pal, Bob Johnson, for 33 years and there are my mates who sleep rough in Ears Court. But it can get pretty cold in the winter."

What of the future? "Age Concern have told me that if I can stick it out in this derelict building until November I'll qualify for a council bachelor flat in Kensington. Sounds good, doesn't it? If I can last that long."

Bow Street Magistrate's Court heard none of that story. There was not enough time and there are too many like it. "We find these cases an embarrassment," Mr John Hosking, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, admitted yesterday. "The paradox is that we have to uphold the law while at the same time knowing that nothing we can do is going to help these people to get out of their problems."

"It is not something we have discussed because to do so would be to get into the realms of social politics and that is better left to the politicians."

## Action sought on homeless women

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

The government should review its housing policy and take action to relieve homelessness among women, a report published yesterday says.

The document from the government's official advisory group, the Women's National Commission, argues that official statistics are "gender blind" and hide the women who become homeless after relationships break down.

Launching the report in London, Suzanne May, working group chairman, said it was not enough merely to tinker with housing policy. The chance of an independent safe home for people on low incomes, many of them women and young people, was becoming increasingly dependent on market forces and the ability to pay.

The report calls for greater co-ordination between government departments on the approach to homeless people, involving the education, health, employment, environment and social security departments and the Home Office. "We are asking the

government to review urgently its housing policy with the aim of making more good quality, low-cost, rented homes available throughout the country," Mrs May said.

Dame Joan Seccombe, a member of the Conservative Women's National Committee who took part in the working group, produced a minority report defending the government's record. "Women from time to time may be in situations where they face particular housing difficulties — following divorce, for example, or as single mothers. These are human problems in their own right, which have a housing dimension; they cannot be used as evidence of a gap in housing policy," her report said.

Last night, the Department of the Environment said the government did not accept the need for a housing policy review.

What Chance of a Home? (Women's National Commission, Room 50A/4 Government Offices, Horse Guards Road, London SW1P 3AL; free)

## Compass keeps the turtle on course

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS using artificial sea conditions might have solved the mystery of how some species of new born turtles escape predators and eventually learn to navigate thousands of miles.

New research suggests at least three endangered species — the loggerhead, the green and the leatherback — have wave detection systems that allow them to maintain direction in the sea even at night.

"To our knowledge this is a unique guiding system never before observed for any open-sea species," Michael Salmon, chairman of the department of biological science at Florida Atlantic University, said.

Recent tests have shown that turtles might have "biological compasses" sensitive to the earth's magnetic field which aids them in their long-distance voyages. The new findings indicate, however, that turtles are much more sophisticated navigators than had been thought, combining magnetism and wave direction to plot courses.

"Although we suspect that the turtles can sense the

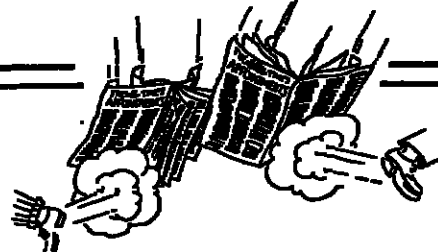
earth's magnetic field all we know for certain is that they can sense waves," Dr Salmon said. "To make sense of wave direction it makes sense to have a magnetic compass. So no matter what latitude a turtle is at, the animal can compare the direction of waves with the magnetic compass to pinpoint a location."

To test if the wave guiding system is visually or physically controlled, the scientists have carried out tests in a darkened wave tank to simulate sea conditions. The team has concluded that the turtles sense waves not by sight but through physical detectors in their inner ears.

Dr Salmon said that the mechanism was probably vital for the survival of new born turtles on the beach. At this time they are vulnerable to predators and they move into the surf to escape being eaten.

Scientists believe that without a wave detection system the hatchlings could be confused about the safest direction to escape, with some returning to the dangers of the shore.

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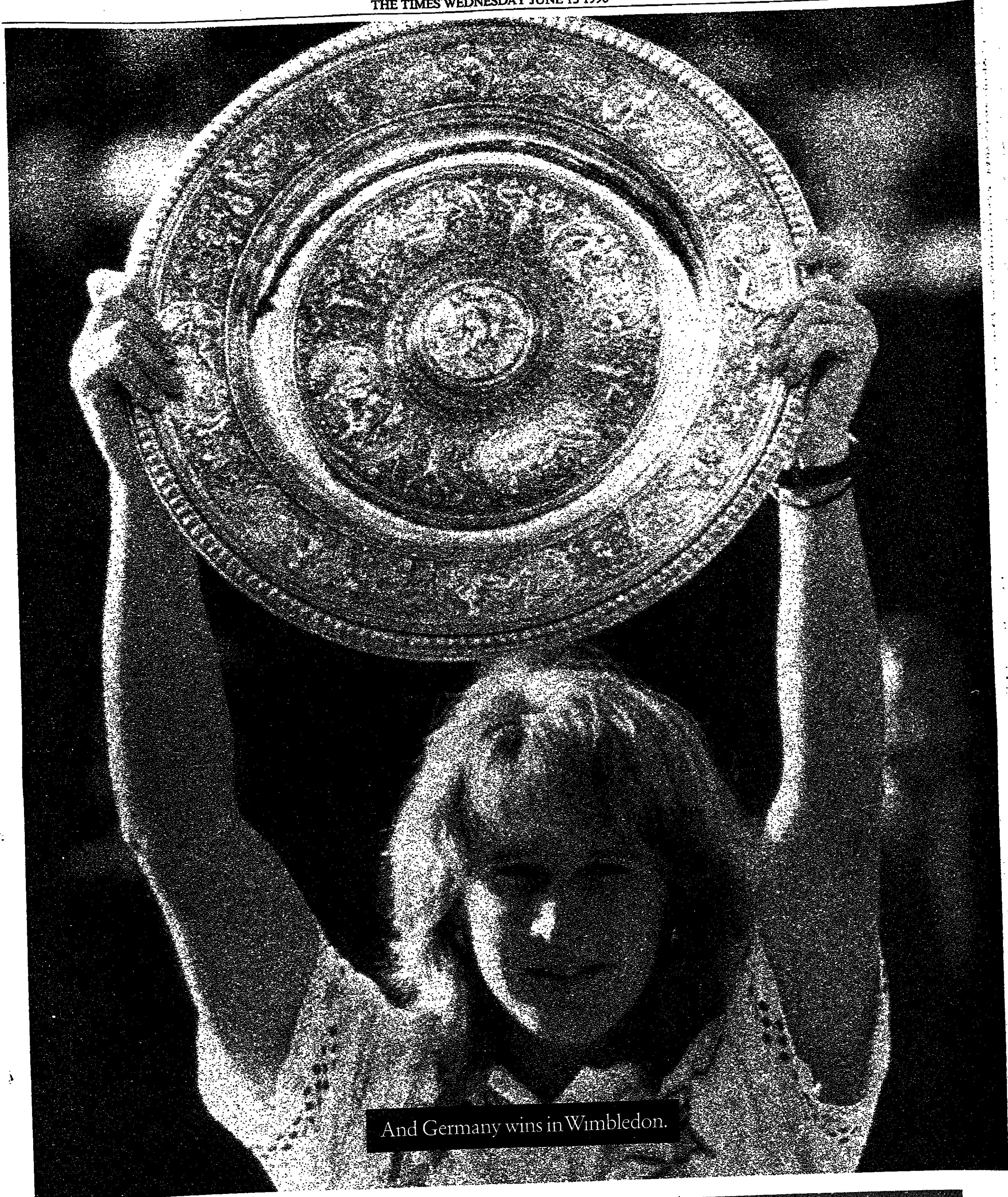
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# Russia reassured on security, says prime minister

THE changes taking place in the Soviet Union were the most exciting developments since the end of the second world war, Margaret Thatcher said in a Commons statement yesterday.

Reporting to MPs on her weekend visit to Moscow, the Prime Minister said: "The changes taking place in the Soviet Union offer an historic opportunity for the people of that country to move towards full democracy and a market economy."

"At the same time, with German unification, the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Eastern Europe and the prospect of an agreement to reduce conventional forces, we are entering a new and more positive period in Europe. Britain is playing a full and constructive part in both these processes, while always maintaining our sure defence through Nato."

She had had constructive and friendly talks with President Gorbachev and had assured him of Britain's continuing support for policies of economic reform and greater democracy.

She and the present had agreed that the presence of American forces in Europe was a stabilising factor and that they should remain. She had explained Britain's view that a

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United Germany should remain part of Nato and that that would contribute to Europe's stability.

She recognised the sensitivity of the Soviet Union and had put forward proposals to be discussed further between foreign ministers.

"I am confident that a solution which is satisfactory to everyone and enhances the security of Europe as a whole can be found", she said.

She had discussed with Mr Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime minister, the difficulties facing the Soviet economy and how Britain might help. They had signed agreements on enlarging economic and cultural co-operation.

In talks with Marshal Yazov, the defence minister, and his colleagues she had made clear Britain's determination to keep a secure defence, including nuclear weapons.

Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, said that the visit had come at a particularly propitious time, as the Warsaw Pact had ceased to exist and Nato had extended the hand of friendship and co-operation.

Had President Gorbachev

given any indication of the proposal he had made in the Supreme Soviet that Germany could be a member of Nato and the Warsaw Pact?

"Would she confirm that she said in her meeting with the military high command that the British government does not regard the Soviet Union as an enemy?"

Had she conveyed to Mr Gorbachev the widespread view in the West that the future of Europe included a united Germany in Nato and with a reduced Bundeswehr and no non-German forces in what had been the German Democratic Republic?

Had she also conveyed to him that, as an alliance of free democratic nations, Nato would not station nuclear weapons in Germany without the consent of the German people?

Mrs Thatcher said that East Germany was joining West Germany and it followed that Germany would continue to be a staunch member of Nato.

"That is right for Nato and for the security of Europe and I doubt very much whether one country should be a member of two different pacts."

Nato had always been a defensive alliance. The Warsaw Pact was altering its terms to become one.

"Each country will need a sure defence because we never



know where a new threat will come from." There had been times when we had had to act "out of area" to protect ourselves.

A sure defence included nuclear weapons because there had been no other deterrent anything like as strong as nuclear weapons to deter war.

A smaller Bundeswehr was under consideration as part of the assurance that the Soviet

Union would need if Germany was a full member of Nato. It was an assurance that she believed the Soviet Union must have.

The stationing of nuclear weapons in Germany was part of the flexible response strategy that had been endorsed at the Nato meeting at Turnberry. "We believe in a war-free Europe".

Martin Jacques, page 16

# Conservative protests at 'easy divorce'

## SCOTLAND

A SCOTTISH law reform bill that will reduce the period of separation needed to establish the irrevocable breakdown of marriage north of the border ran into protests from Conservative MPs during its second reading debate in the Commons.

Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish secretary, moving the second reading of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) bill, said that the period would be reduced from two years to one where the other party consented to the divorce, and from five years to two years where it did not.

The Scottish law commission believed the present periods of separation to be unnecessarily long. They had the effect of causing many divorcing couples to use behaviour or adultery grounds, with all their attendant unpleasantness and hostility, as a means of obtaining an earlier divorce.

The government believed that the "modest amendment" proposed by the commission would meet much of the criticism of the bill without going beyond what was generally acceptable to the public.

Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) intervened to say that the object seemed to be simply to make divorce easier. There was a great deal of concern south of the border that the result of making divorce easier was to increase the sum of human misery. There was research evidence to that effect.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord

Mackay of Clashfern, had said that they should be making divorce harder. Did Mr Rifkind have any plans to protect the interests of children more carefully than at present?

Mr Rifkind replied that the government had followed the advice of the Scottish marriage guidance council.

Earlier, there were protests from both sides when he said that the bill would allow the police to enter registered clubs at any reasonable time without a warrant.

Richard Alexander (Newark, C) said that the next stage, after this was law in Scotland, would be for clubs in the rest of Great Britain to be open to the police.

"This would be unacceptable to many Conservative MPs."

Dennis Canavan (Falkirk, West, Lab) said that many Scottish MPs were determined to fight this.

Mr Rifkind said that this part of the bill reflected the overwhelming view of a wide diversity of interests. He accepted these were controversial matters. MPs would want to inquire deeply into the justification for them.

Earlier, Mr Rifkind said there were measures in the bill to prevent the property conveyancing market being dominated in rural areas by conveyancing practitioners at the expense of solicitors.

# Top pay rises under fire

Those at the top of business and industry should lead by example, Margaret Thatcher, said at question time when told that the chairman of the five main building societies would receive a 50 per cent pay rise.

She was responding to Lawrence Cusiffe (Leigh, Lab), who said that the pay increase was indefensible when thousands of mortgage payers were "out of their minds and straining their wits" to pay the high interest rates and the evil poll tax.

## Tax figures

If all the money predicted to be raised by local authorities in all the money changes about £11.2 billion were to be raised from income tax, it would increase the basic rate by about 7/6p, John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a written Commons reply. He added that if the money were to be raised from social services and housing, excluding revenue from housing, were to be charged to income tax, the basic rate would go up by 7p.

## Lords defeat

An attempt to give statutory protection to staff transferred from the health service to local authority social services failed in the Lords. During the debate on the National Health Service and Community Care bill, an all-party new clause was rejected by 132 votes to 102. Lady Hooper, the junior health minister, said that the clause was unnecessary.

## Police costs

The Greater Manchester Police have put the extra cost of policing as a result of the Strangeways prison disturbances at £300,000. David Mellor, the Home Office minister, said in a written reply. Repair of the damage to social services was estimated at half the cost of the jail's £60 million refurbishment.

## Radio move

In those areas of Scotland where AM radio reception is defective, the BBC will continue, after the launch of Radio 5 in August, to transmit Open University and other educational programmes on the AM band. Difficulties are overcome, David Mellor, the home office minister, said.

## Speech query

The home secretary has asked for a transcript of a speech on paedophilia given at the conference of the chief police officers' association last week by Commander Richard Aldrich, of the Metropolitan Police, who is leading the police drive against paedophilia. John Patten, the Home Office minister, said in a written reply.

## School hopes

Since the teacher recruitment advertising campaign was launched in the middle of last month, more than 13,000 requests have been received from people seeking information about teaching as a career, Angela Rumbold, the junior education minister, said in a Commons written reply.

## New peer

Lord Sainsbury of Swaffham, formerly Professor Ernest Sainsbury, professor of animal pathology at Cambridge University, was introduced in the Lords.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. British Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill. Lords (2.30): Debate on the role of the trade and industry department.

# Thatcher stands by Sir Alan

## PRIME MINISTER

THE prime minister told MPs at question time that she would continue to see Sir Alan Walters, her former economics adviser, as "a friend of the family".

Margaret Thatcher was responding to Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, who asked if it was true that she had resumed her habit of taking Sir Alan's advice on economic affairs.

To prolonged laughter from the Labour benches, Mrs Thatcher said: "I shall continue to see him as a friend of the family. How astonishing that Mr Kinnock is so small minded as to ask such a question."

Mr Kinnock asked if she recalled the words of Nigel Lawson, her last chancellor, who had said on his resignation: "The successful conduct of economic policy is possible only if there is, and there is seen to be, full agreement between the prime minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Recent events have confirmed that this essential requirement cannot be satisfied for as long as Sir Alan Walters remains her personal economic adviser."

Mr Kinnock said: "With that in mind, she should be very careful in her choice of family friends."

Mrs Thatcher: "He objects to me seeing family friends. He is getting worse than the KGB."

John Wilkinson (Ruislip, Northwood, C) asked her to comment on the reported remarks of Karl Otto Pohl, president of the Bundesbank, who had suggested a two-speed progression to economic and monetary union.

Did she envisage the UK being in the first group with France, the federal republic and the Benelux countries?

If she did share that view, did that mean that the UK should enter the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) of the European monetary system sooner rather than later?

Mrs Thatcher said that the conditions laid down at Madrid for joining the ERM had not changed. She hoped there would not be a two-speed Europe.

The House had made its views clear on the subject three times: that it would have nothing to do with the ceding of that amount of sovereignty.

# Tories divided on family policy

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

CONSERVATIVE women are divided on whether the government's new family policy should focus on encouraging mothers to stay at home or on giving them financial incentives to work.

The party's leading women officials say that they have shrugged off the old image of the wife at home with the children while the husband is at work.

As the party searches for a family policy as a centrepiece for the next election manifesto, motions for the Conservative women's conference on Friday and Saturday week reflect conflicting priorities within the constituencies.

None of the motions has been chosen for debate. Instead, the conference will hold a question and answer session on "A firm foundation for the family" to be led by Virginia Bottomley, minister of health, Gillian Shephard, the junior social security minister, and the MEP Patricia Rawlings.

The constituency motions include demands for the emphasis to be placed on supporting the traditional family, more difficult conditions for divorce, withdrawal of state aid from unmarried mothers, and setting up a child-care system to help working women.

The European Union of Women, for example, "urges the government departments concerned to continue to pro-

more policies that will reinforce family life". The Scottish council calls for child care arrangements to be extended to ensure that mothers are not discouraged from "reaching their career potential".

Wendy Mitchell, chairman of the Conservative women's national committee, said at a press conference yesterday: "We have moved on. We are not quite what we used to be - re-hatted and sitting daintily back."

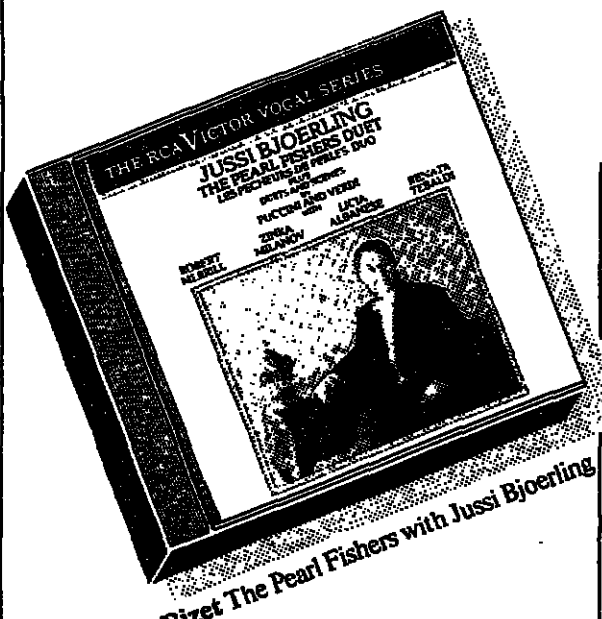
Kenneth Baker, the party chairman, described Labour's promise of a ministry for women as "harmful and patronising". Such a ministry would only generate more red tape, he said, and "achieve as much for women as Orwell's ministry of truth did for the facts".

Gainsborough and Horncastle women's committee, however, congratulates the government for setting up a ministerial group for women and suggests that the idea should be given a higher profile.

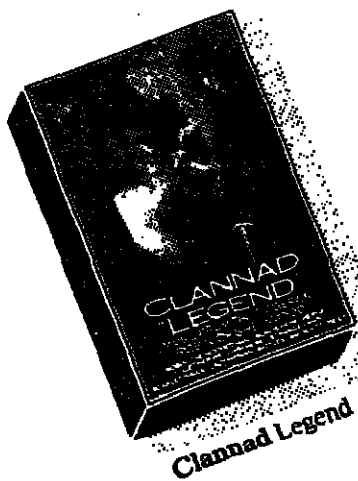
Motions on the community charge from Conservative women's committees are also divided. The motion chosen for debate is supportive, but many others are critical.

The Reigate motion urges "the prime minister and her cabinet to re-think and to amend the act to make it more acceptable and in line with ability to pay".

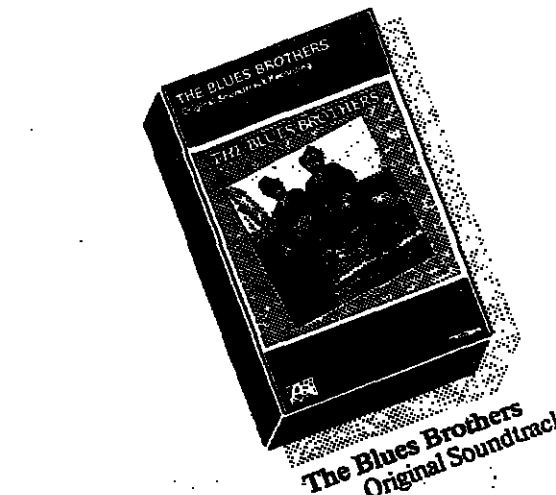
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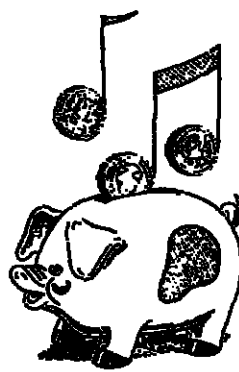
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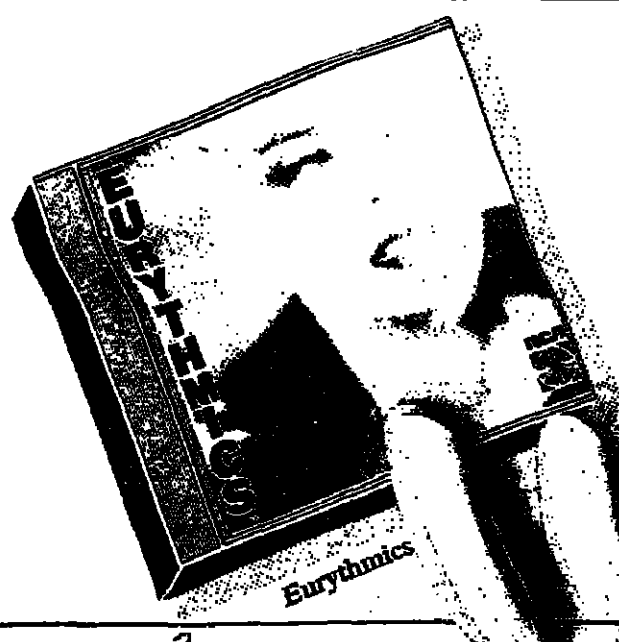


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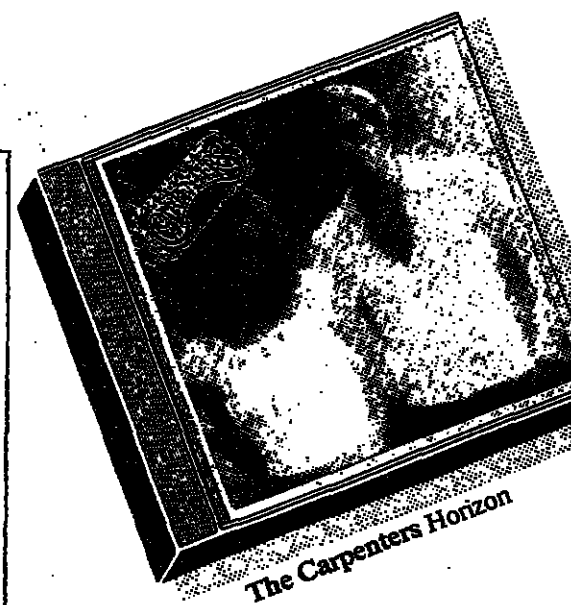


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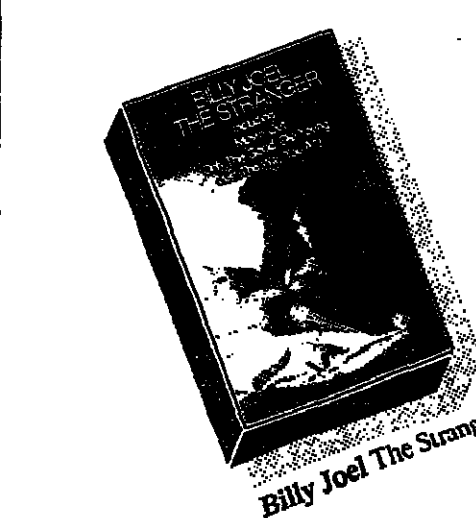
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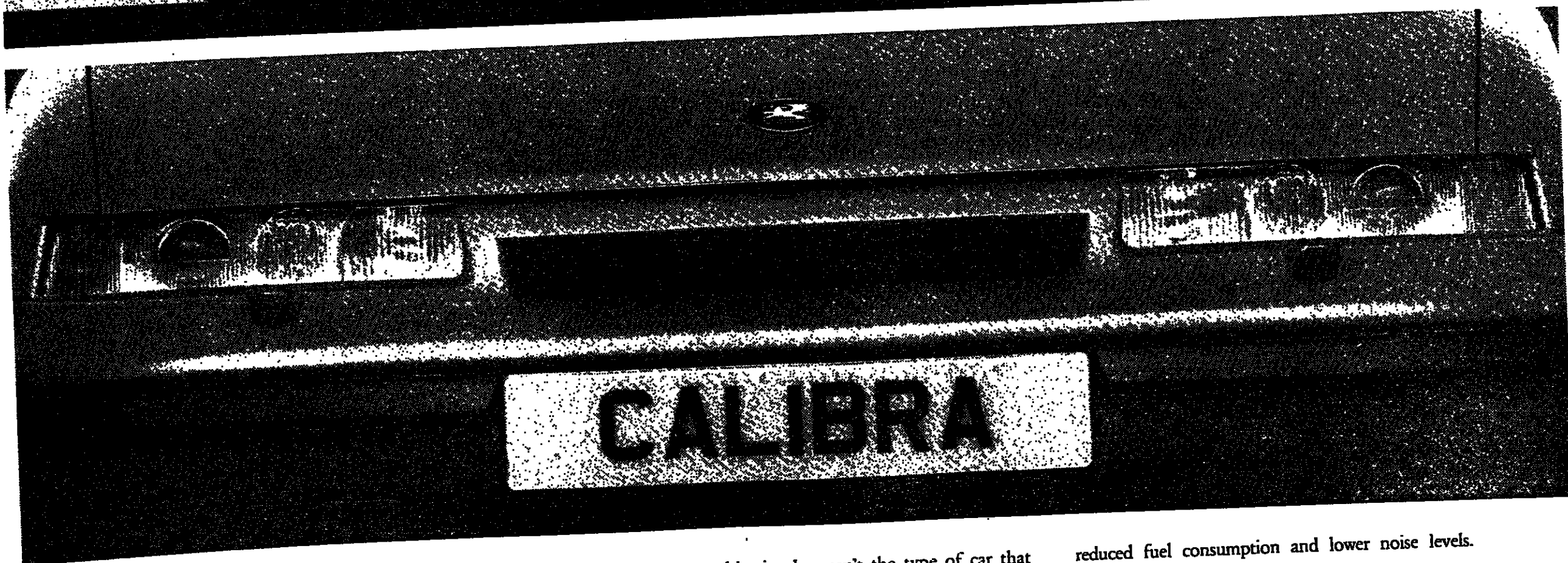


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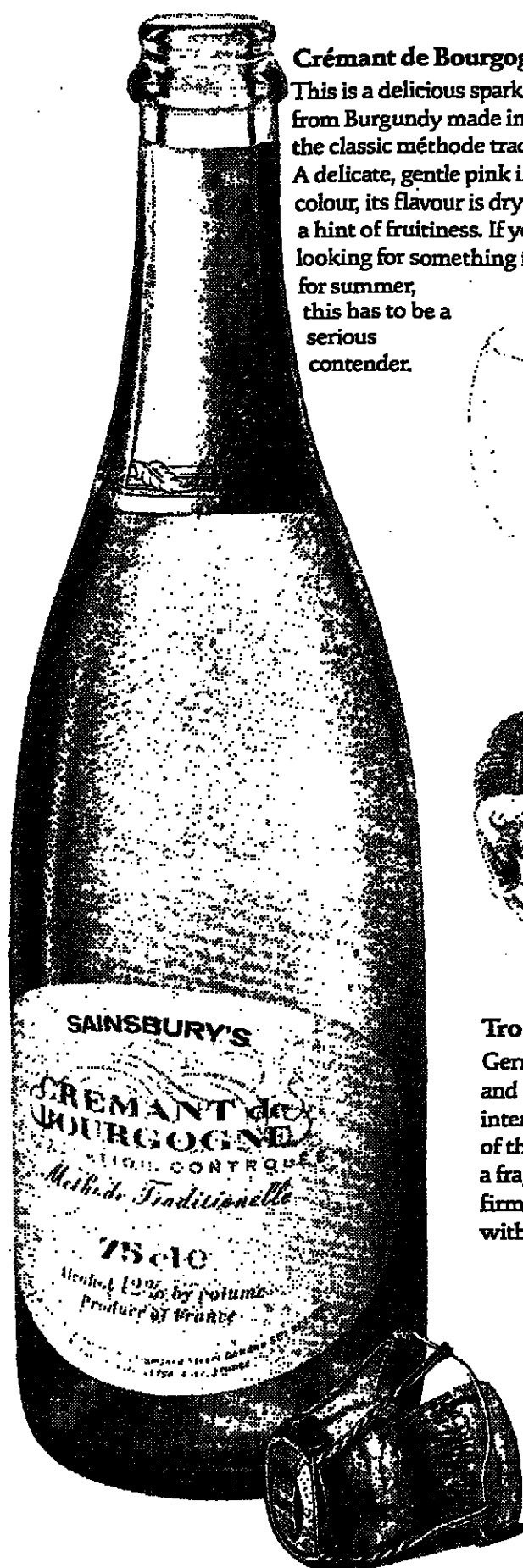


# How to cope with a long, hot summer. A refresher course from Sainsbury's.

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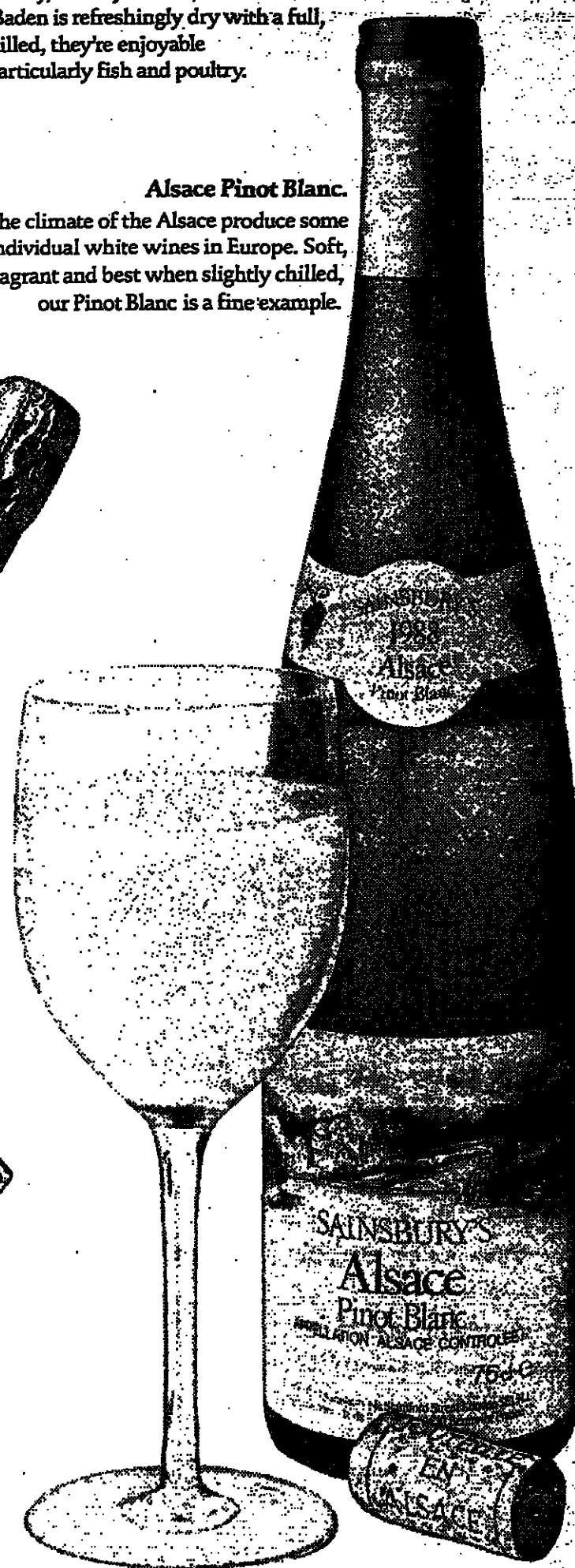
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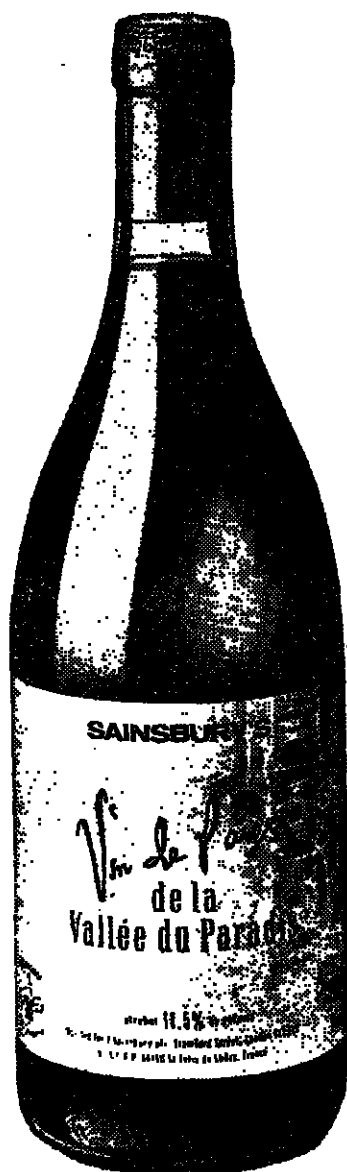


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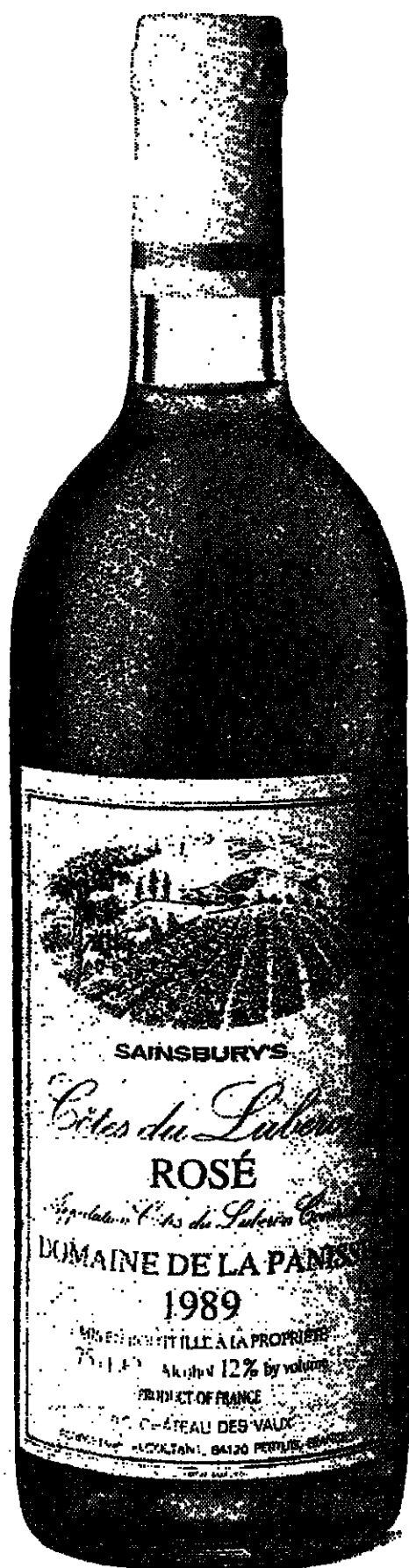


**Vin de Pays de la Vallée du Paradis.**  
 Vin de Pays means "wine of the country," in this case the region that surrounds the city of Carcassonne in south western France. The mixture of, amongst others, Grenache and Syrah grapes gives this wine a rich, fruity, elegant flavour that goes well with pâté, cheeses and most red meats.



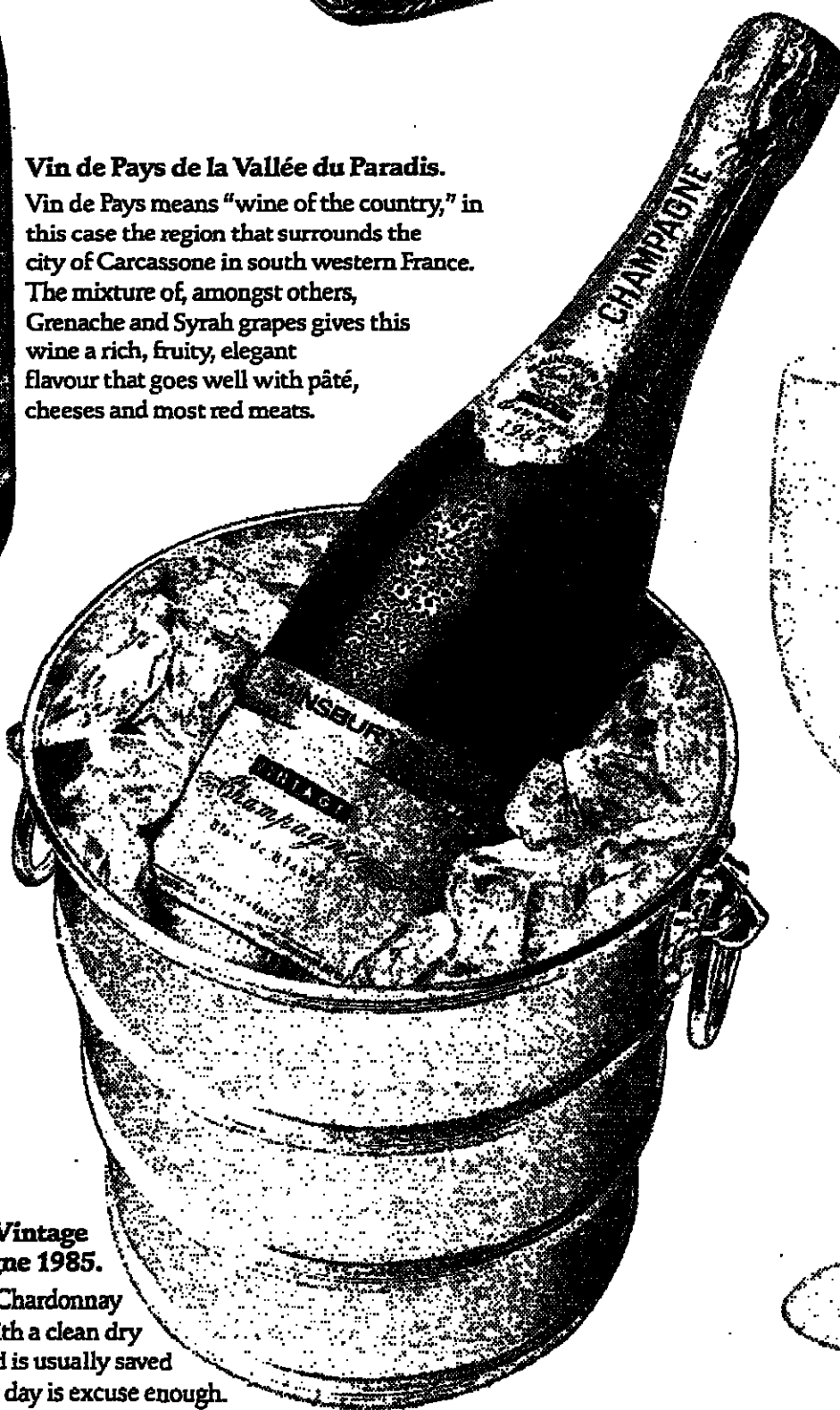
**Côtes du Lubéron Rosé,  
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From a vineyard in the Vaucluse area of southern France that has recently been entirely replanted, this is a light, fruity, dry wine made from a blend of traditional varieties. Like all rosé, it's perfect for picnics and goes particularly well with ham or a cold buffet.



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## Sainsbury's Summer Living



## Cabinet call to deport organisers of intifada

From A CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S hardline right-wing government got down to work yesterday with one cabinet minister calling for the deportation of Palestinian activists and another saying Israel does not have to answer to anyone for its immigration policy.

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, began the day by presenting his 19-man cabinet to President Herzog, who urged the new leaders to pursue their pledge to further peace efforts.

But Mr Herzog also echoed the growing calls in Israel for electoral reform. "It is fitting that we thoroughly assess our electoral system so that the irregular phenomenon which has occurred during the past month... is not repeated," the president said.

The expulsion call came from Raphael Eitan, the new agriculture minister, who as a former armed forces chief of staff will also serve as a member of the new government's ministerial defence committee. He said he has a formula for ending quickly the 30-month-long Palestinian intifada in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He told reporters: "Instead of shooting at children, you have to deport those responsible, the inciters, the organisers. They aren't many. I think the impact would be immediate."

Ariel Sharon, the new housing minister who has overall responsibility for immigration, responding to reports that Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet president, had stated that Israel had failed to respond to his concerns about Soviet Jews being settled in the occupied territories, said on Israel radio: "I do not think Israel has to give any declaration. I think that the Soviet Union and the United States know exactly where the Jews are settling... the only answer Israel needs to give is the right of Jews to come."

Mr Sharon's stance appeared to be in conflict with that of David Levy, the new foreign minister, who told reporters that his primary task would be "to achieve an understanding with our allies, the United States, Europe, and

every country with whom we can develop an open and frank dialogue".

The new coalition government groups Mr Shamir's Likud bloc with three small orthodox religious parties, three right-wing nationalist parties and three individuals, including a defector from the Labour party, who has been rewarded with the post of deputy minister in the communications ministry.

Only hours before parliament approved the new cabinet on Monday, the factions were haggling over portfolios and internal rivalries could surface soon.

Mr Sharon, aged 62, and Mr Levy, aged 52, are both known to have ambitions to replace the prime minister, who is 74. Mr Sharon was the defence minister who led Israel into the much-criticised 1982 invasion of Lebanon and later was forced to resign over the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in Beirut. He has been a primary supporter of the settlement movement in the territories. He owns a house in the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, and repeatedly visited the controversial Jewish settlement in the Christian quarter to show his support.

Mr Levy was housing minister when the government secretly provided \$1.3 million (£1.05 million) to set up the settlement in the Christian quarter. A Moroccan by birth, he is the highest ranking of the Sephardic Jews in the government and almost walked out before its formation when he was given only a deputy prime ministerial post instead of the higher-ranked vice-premier position he sought.

Israeli newspapers are cynical about what the government can accomplish. The mass-circulation *Hadashot* newspaper said that Mr Shamir is for a peace process but fails to convince anyone that this is not just lip service "which he has not the slightest intention of realising". The independent *Yediot* described the government's coalition agreement as "lacking all inspiration".

Mr Shamir insisted yesterday that he was sincere about his quest for peace, but told reporters at the president's office that success depended on the Arabs understanding "our good intentions for peace".

Meanwhile, uprising and violence continue. In Jerusalem, a 17-year-old Israeli, identified by police as Yosef Edri, was stabbed twice in the side yesterday as he walked in the Old City toward the Western Wall (Wailing Wall), which is Judaism's holiest site. He told police his attacker was a Palestinian of about 15 or 16, and police rounded up more than 80 Arab youths for questioning.

They also forced street vendors to clear the area and closed Palestinian shops near the Damascus Gate, where the attack occurred.

Gas victims: Scores of Palestinian infants were treated for gas inhalation yesterday after Israeli soldiers, in pursuit of Palestinian stone throwers, fired a tear-gas canister into a United Nations health centre.

An army spokesman confirmed the incident and said the troops involved would be disciplined.

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Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, presenting his government to parliament

## Palestinian militant hits at 'double standards'

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

BETTER known as Abul Abbas, Mahmoud Zeidan, leader of the militant Palestine Liberation Front and one of 15 members of the ruling executive council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, is no newcomer to the Israeli authorities, whom he despises for their alleged double standards over the Middle East.

He was born in Syria in December 1948, a few months after his family had fled from Galilee at the foundation of the Israeli state. He was the mastermind behind the abortive raid on Tel Aviv beaches last month which has called into doubt the 18-month-old US-PLO dialogue.

Remarks made by Mr Abbas during the historic session in Algiers in November 1988 of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's "parliament-in-exile", led George Shultz, then US Secretary of State, to deny the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, a visa to address the United Nations.

Mr Abbas was questioned at the Algiers gathering by Walter Rube, a Jewish reporter, about the 1985 attack on the Italian cruise liner, the Achille Lauro, whose hijacking was also masterminded by the ruthless PLO leader.

Asked specifically how one passenger, Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly and wheelchair-bound American Jew, had ended up dead in the Mediterranean, Mr Abbas shocked the group of journalists around him by replying with a grin: "Maybe he was trying to swim for it."

The Achille Lauro hijackers were released after surrender-

ing to the Egyptian authorities, but their aircraft was intercepted by the US Air Force and forced to land at a Nato base in Sicily. Mr Abbas was then freed by the Italian authorities and has been wanted for murder by the US ever since.

As the Lauro and the spectacular ill-timed sea-borne raid against Israel on May 30, the Abbas remark appeared designed deliberately to discredit attempts being made by pragmatists in the PLO leadership to transform its image from that of a "terrorist organisation".

Mr Abbas, a member of the PLO's executive committee since 1984, could not be written off as a fringe figure outside the organisation's mainstream. He was and is a friend of Mr Arafat.

Mr Rube, in a revealing account of the Algiers in-

cident, helped to explain the bitterness of men like Mr Abbas. He pointed out that Mr Abbas followed up his Algerian comment with the largely unreported rhetorical remark: "Has Israel expressed regret about the... Palestinians who were shot at Sabra and Chatilla? Did America express regret about the victims of Grenada? I wish the names of our victims and martyrs were as well known as the name of Klinghoffer. Can you name 10 Palestinians who died from Israeli gas or 10 pregnant Palestinian women who were crushed and killed?"

The Jewish reporter concluded: "That Mr Abbas's comments about the Palestinian victims should have gone largely unreported in the American press, confirms his point: the death of one American is more newsworthy than the deaths of many Palestinians."



Abul Abbas: Outraged West with hijack comment

## US running out of time to save talks with PLO

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

FOR two weeks the Bush administration has played for time, privately pressuring Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, to condemn the abortive May 30 terrorist raid on an Israeli beach in a desperate bid to preserve an 18-month-old dialogue with the PLO that represents almost the only realistic hope of promoting peace in the Middle East.

Time is rapidly running out. In Washington there is a growing clamour from Congress and the powerful Jewish American lobby for the dialogue to be at the least suspended. Over the past few days Moshe Arad, the Israeli ambassador in Washington, had a number of meetings with senior administration officials urging a halt to the dialogue on the grounds that the PLO had clearly violated its pledges. Israel has likewise made its views known through the American ambassador there.

As Mr Arafat continues to wrangle and equivocate, this is starting to draw out the calls of moderate Arab leaders and certain Western allies, including Britain, for the dialogue to be preserved.

Publicly the administration has bought time, initially insisting that it needed to establish exactly who was responsible. It is now saying that it cannot be tied to a "calendar or timetable". Behind the scenes it has been engaged in strenuous activity to save the dialogue.

Robert Pelletreau, the American ambassador to Tunisia, has had four private meetings with PLO representatives, telling them unequivocally that Mr Arafat had to condemn the attack and expel Abul Abbas, its perpetrator, from the PLO.

President Bush used a 15-minute telephone conversation with President Mubarak of Egypt last Friday to impress on him the seriousness of the situation. Khaled Hassan, a member of the Palestine National Council, is now in Washington, ostensibly on a private visit but in fact to try to explain Mr Arafat's position and to explore possible compromises.

Sweden, which was instrumental in initiating the dialogue in December 1988, has also been striving to persuade the PLO to condemn the attack, sending an envoy

to Baghdad over the weekend with a message for Mr Arafat.

But the American administration is coming under increasing pressure to act. Seven senators have introduced a resolution demanding the suspension of the dialogue, and in the House of Representatives 36 congressmen have signed a similar bill.

Nine members of the House foreign affairs committee have sent James Baker, the Secretary of State, a telegram arguing that to preserve American credibility the administration had to insist on condemnation of the attack and Mr Abbas's expulsion.

On Monday, 1,600 members of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee made their views perfectly clear to Vice-President Quayle and Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, when they addressed a conference of the committee here.

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organisations, had a top-level meeting at the White House on the same day, at which he emphasised that "the credibility of the US was at stake" and the dialogue could not be continued. "I think what they are trying to do is coax words out of Arafat and that serves no purpose because if it doesn't come from the heart it is false, it's theatrical," he said yesterday.

The demands stem less from a long-standing opposition to the dialogue than from the perception that it has become a charade. Even American Jewish peace campaigners have begun to question whether the dialogue can, or even should, continue.

Menachem Rosensaft was one of five prominent American Jews whose Stockholm meeting with Mr Arafat on December 6, 1988, was instrumental in persuading the PLO leader to renounce terrorism and recognise Israel, thus paving the way for the dialogue.

He has called Mr Arafat's statements "woefully insufficient" and "a violation of his statements to us that the PLO has renounced terrorism." He continued: "Under these circumstances, I believe the US government should reassess - and probably abrogate - its dialogue with the PLO."

## Syrian fear of Israeli threat

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE atmosphere of impending conflict in the Middle East intensified yesterday when President Assad of Syria warned of another Arab-Israeli war after the formation of the right-wing Likud-led coalition government in Israel.

A similar warning of new dangers to regional peace was delivered by King Hussein of Jordan who told Vladimir Petrovsky, the visiting Soviet deputy foreign minister, that the new Israeli government was "a real threat to the stability of the region because of its rightist programme, since it refuses to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organisation or to withdraw from occupied Arab lands".

The Egyptian government issued its strongest statement referring to the possibility of a new Middle East war since Cairo signed its historic peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Attributed to an unidentified spokesman in the office of President Mubarak, the statement warned that if Israel failed to change its strategic goals from its professed peaceful intentions, Cairo "cannot ignore" the change but must face it "with all gravity and intent".

The statement added: "The Arab republic of Egypt has received with amazement and condemnation statements issued by an Israeli assistant chief of staff in which he spoke of the inevitability of another war between Israel and certain Arab countries. He identified these countries and made unacceptable threats which would reverse the situation and bring the region back to the pre-peace era." The exact date of the Israeli statement was not given.

Commentators noted that the language was out of keeping with recent Egyptian government statements and the use throughout the communiqué of Egypt's full official name, the Arab Republic of Egypt, was also unusual, if not unprecedented.

State-run Damascus radio carried excerpts of a speech by President Assad, one of the most hardline Arab leaders, claiming that Israel would now "pursue its expansionist policy by force". He told parliament: "War today will not be like the wars fought in the past which left low casualties."

## Crime hits white areas as apartheid controls recede

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

AUTUMN leaves lay in a forlorn heap by an open door where once there had been a cabinet with a television set, hi-fi equipment and a music collection spanning 20 years. Now there are broken wires and a sense of hopelessness.

My home in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg had been burgled, this time while I was asleep, for the third time in two months. Nervous of spending the next night alone, I sought refuge with friends. In the morning I emerged from their house into an empty street. My car had been stolen.

According to official statistics, last year almost 12,000 people were murdered in South Africa, or one every 45 minutes. A rape was committed every 26 minutes, a serious assault every four minutes, and a burglary every three minutes.

The actual figures are certainly far higher, since many

crimes are not reported, and that is hardly surprising. I now have four case files at the local police station, but no detective has visited my house. After the second burglary, when the intruder was disturbed by a friend, I set off in pursuit and was booked by surly traffic policemen for exceeding the speed limit by 12 mph. The robber escaped.

South Africa is sliding into violent anarchy, and the under-manned and demoralised police force is either incapable or unwilling to do anything about it. By all accounts the gradual abolition of apartheid and its repressive security apparatus has coincided with a marked increase in common crime. Almost every day, newspapers carry reports of children and elderly women being savagely gang-raped in their homes and men being shot dead while trying to protect their families.

With frightened whites arming themselves and engaging "instant armed response" security agencies at an unprecedented rate, the law of the jungle prevails. Adrian Vlok, the minister of law and order, recently made the astonishing claim that the state could not be held responsible for protecting individual homes and businesses. Thus, affluent white suburbs have become fortresses of high walls topped with razor wire, windows are bolted and barred like prisons, and ferocious guard dogs lurk among the rose bushes.

It is an offence to shoot an assailant without firing warning shots. The common practice is to shoot first and then put a couple of bullet holes in the ceiling to satisfy inquiries.

Whites in rural areas tend to take self-defence to a murderous extreme. A popular anecdote concerns a farmer summoned by a radio station from a neighbour under siege by six burglars. When police eventually arrived, the farmers produced one dead body and another bleeding from gunshot wounds. It was claimed the others had fled, but it is said that they were killed in a particularly savage manner. Word spread and the farm was never attacked again.

Crime in low-income African districts is said to be substantially lower than in the English-speaking suburbs, for the reason that Africans tend to be armed and to shoot first and ask questions later. "You won't find blacks prowling around our neighbourhood because the bastards know we'll deal with them," said one.

Even in liberal circles racial attitudes are hardening. A neighbour whose home has been broken into twice this year said: "I always regarded apartheid as abominable, but the old pass laws protected us to a large extent from common criminals. Now every time I see a black loitering on my street I feel afraid and hostile."

One of the worst areas is Hillbrow, a multi-racial inner-city area of Johannesburg where violent crime is so rife that a city councillor has appealed to the government to deploy troops in the streets after dark. The council is considering creating a municipal police force.

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

## Innocence abroad as bankers throw Trump a crust

Naivety is not one of the qualities that spring to mind when the topic of discussion is New York, but a couple of refreshing instances have come to light over the past week.

First there were those bankers, hard-nosed masters of the financial universe who had fallen over each other in the 1980s in the rush to lend hundreds of millions to Donald Trump. They did so, it has now been revealed, while neglecting the small matter of checking on his assets, the first step any building society manager would apply to a humbler petitioner.

The tycoon's far from humble estimation of his own worth was good enough. On Monday, the bankers made the best of a bad job, agreeing to lend Mr Trump another \$60 million (£35 million) and suspend some interest payments as a way of saving his and their own skins.

The second case of naivety involves an altogether different species - rats. New York is suffering its worst plague in years, with an estimated population of one rat per person in the city. The dominant rodent is no longer the old grey native but the

devilish Norwegian, a creature which can run up brick walls, tread water for three days, and chew through sewer pipes with jaws that exert 24,000lb of pressure per square inch. The upturn in the Norwegian's fortunes, say the experts, lies with the failure of a scheme last year to do away with poison in Central Park and set barn owls to do nature's work.

The idea might have worked in somewhere such as Minneapolis, but the parks department forgot the New York factor. The "Owl Prowl" programme failed because all their nesting boxes were immediately stolen. Mark Matsil, the official in charge of the rat war, said: "I got this call from the commissioner saying a rat had been reported jumping into a baby carriage, and what in the world was going on? We started poisoning again." But, kind-hearted New Yorkers are also to blame, they leave food believing squirrels and rabbits will benefit. The rats get there first.

At least the newly impecunious Mr Trump can draw satisfaction from retaining his title as a trend setter. Just as in the 1980s you were supposed to

define yourself by your possessions, the rule for the 1990s, according to New York's diviners of the zeitgeist, is to define yourself through denial. Where in the 1980s the New York motto was "I shop therefore I am", in the 1990s it is "I am what I do without".

This new creed of "non-ism", as academics are calling it, draws on the fashion for abstinence from drink, tobacco, drugs, caffeine, meat, sugar, dairy products, fur and all other contaminants, bodily or spiritual. "The most powerful way to position a product is to define what it is not," said one advertising executive explaining on the front page of *The New York Times* how the marketing world has latched gleefully onto the craze for self-denial.

The prize for latching onto the denial paradox must surely go to Esprit, a fashion company which caters to the youth market. This week it launched a campaign based on a theme that could be summarised as "Don't buy our products". Its advertisement says: "Ask yourself before you buy whether this is something you really need. We'll be happy to adjust our business up or down accordingly because we feel that we



are then contributing to a healthy attitude towards consumption."

Next week Manhattan will witness something new. For three nights, the Empire State Building's top 30 floors will be bathed in deep lavender. The occasion is Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend on June 22. Lavender is the official gay colour. The American Family Association, among other conservative groups, has taken offence, calling the scheme an "ugly attempt to parade sin before our faces". The organisers, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation, had requested and been denied the floodlighting for the last six years. This time they threatened a law

suit against Donald Kaplan, the building manager, and he changed his mind two weeks ago. But the threatened action had nothing to do with his decision, said a spokesman. He had agreed to the lavender light show as a gesture against the ignorance that breeds prejudice against homosexuals.

No New York week goes by without its quota of appalling headlines. The *New York Post* usually leads the field. Its offering last Saturday was one of the better ones. "Soap, Crackle, Ouch!" - Bullet in Long Island woman's cereal triggers law suit. The lady is suing Pathmark supermarkets for \$1 million after encountering the .357 slug in her Frosted Flakes.







# Soviet parents disown and dump mentally handicapped children

From JILL SHERMAN  
in Leningrad

THE stigma attached to having a mentally abnormal child in the Soviet Union has resulted in thousands of children with barely perceptible handicaps being disowned by their parents and dumped in institutions for most if not all of their lives.

These children are not allowed to be adopted, and many are rejected by their parents the day after they are born. The attitude is summed up by Alla Soboleva, deputy director of Children's Boarding Home No. 1, a hospital for mentally handicapped children outside Leningrad. "Most parents who have handicapped children are alcoholics and people who do not want to work. Intelligent people do not have these children."

Special "boarding homes" for men-

tally handicapped children have been set up in and around the city, but these are hospital-like institutions taking between 120 and 800 children. There are no community facilities and no help is given to those families who are prepared to look after the children at home.

Many of the children arrive at the special boarding schools aged four and stay there until they are 18, never meeting their parents and never having any visitors. Because they gain no experience of social integration, the majority are transferred to institutions for mentally handicapped adults.

The school, purpose-built in 1975, is one of four special hospitals around Leningrad for children with "severe mental handicaps", funded by the Social Security Department. The staff are acutely aware they are not providing an appropriate service, and do their best to

make the children happy. But mental health is regarded as a low priority in the Soviet Union and they say they have no funds to improve conditions.

Although efforts have been made to decorate the main areas of the 400-bed hospital brightly and imaginatively, the children sleep in cramped conditions. They have no personal belongings in their rooms, no cupboards and nowhere to put their clothes. The rooms are clean but sparsely decorated.

All the boys and girls have the same haircut - short back and sides with a fringe - and each age group wears identical clothes. Mrs Soboleva said that each set of clothes was marked with the child's name, but there is little other way to tell them apart. The girls are separated from the boys "because there is only one lavatory in each area".

The more severely handicapped child-

ren sleep, eat and play in 12-bed wards. There is only one nurse on duty who has to feed, wash and care for the children as well as clean the ward. "We wish the children could get out, but one person is unable to cope with helping them all," said Mrs Soboleva. More than 75 per cent of the 400 children have been disowned by their parents and receive no visitors at all, she said. The hospital cannot afford to take them on holiday, so they rarely get out except for walks locally and occasional cinema or theatre trips.

Mrs Soboleva estimated that about 45 more severely physically and mentally handicapped children could not get out because there were not enough staff to help them walk and they had no wheelchairs. The first wheelchair was delivered last month, and 20 more have been promised by social security. Parents

of the remainder visit rarely. A parents' day is arranged on the first Sunday of every month, but Mrs Soboleva said that few attended.

During a tour by British health service managers from the King's Fund Centre, London (apparently the first visit from Britain), the children were busy with "activities" in the classrooms, including sewing, painting, cooking, tapestry and word-processing. In communal areas, children were acting out plays based on Russian folklore and executing elaborate and polished dance routines.

The children were stimulated and appeared happy but the vast majority should not have been there. Most would have been described in Britain as "dull" or "slow learners" and should have been living at home attending normal or special schools.

Mrs Soboleva would like to employ

psychologists and psychiatrists, but she claims the Social Security Department does not allow this. She would also like more speech therapists and nurses. "We have too many children with too few staff. We should have much smaller groups. We also need more specialist staff, trained in caring for mentally retarded children, more equipment for the physically and mentally handicapped, and more workshops."

Her "dream" is to see smaller family units, with two to five children, where adolescents could be given professional training and get jobs. But while there is a stigma attached to mentally handicapped children, more resources seem unlikely. "We ask the social security department for more money, but they say, 'You must be joking. We do not have enough money for normal children.'"

## West rejects Gorbachev's ideas on Nato and Germany

From MARY DEFEVSKY in MOSCOW  
and IAN MURRAY in BONN

WESTERN leaders last night rejected quickly and categorically President Gorbachev's proposal that a united Germany should be an associate member of both Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

Her Helmut Kohl was the first to dismiss what was essentially a reworking of an old Soviet idea. He was quickly followed by President Bush and Mrs Thatcher.

At the same time the Chancellor suggested that a non-aggression treaty could be agreed within the framework of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) which could ease Soviet fears about a united Germany being in the Western alliance.

President Bush reiterated the firm line that the West German Foreign Minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, delivered to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, in Brest on Monday. "Our position is well known to him (Gorbachev), which is that a unified Germany should be in NATO with no conditions," Mr Bush said in Washington.

Asked about President

Gorbachev's idea, put forward in a speech to the Supreme Soviet, Herr Kohl said: "We do not consider it realistic. We reject it. I find the proposal unacceptable because it completely misunderstands the purpose and foundations of Nato. He said it was wrong to compare the Warsaw Pact with Nato, which was not only a military alliance but a grouping of democratic nations. A united Germany should not be asked to follow a special path, he insisted."

President Gorbachev's proposal was not a new one and had already been rejected out of hand when it was supported by Mr Shevardnadze in March. But Soviet-based Western diplomats said the Kremlin appeared to be moving towards compromise over the West's demand that Germany be incorporated exclusively into Nato.

"It seems now to be a question of the right packaging, of demonstrating Nato is no threat to Moscow," one diplomat said. "Then Gorbachev could swallow the idea of Nato membership for Germany. But he runs the danger of being overtaken by events if he digs in for too long."

A Nato spokesman said in Brussels that the organisation would study Mr Gorbachev's speech carefully and found some ideas interesting. But it added: "The idea of associate membership of a united Germany in both alliances, or of a dual membership, does not seem promising to pursue."

Mrs Thatcher told parliament: "I doubt very much whether one country can be a member of two different pacts."

Mr Gorbachev's ideas seemed to be a reworking of a formula proposed before the Washington summit. Mr Gorbachev suggested "associate membership" which would require the two halves of Germany to fulfil their earlier alliance obligations for a transitional period and Soviet troops would remain temporarily in East Germany. "This double membership could provide an outline for new European structures," he said. He also indicated that if Nato altered its stated objectives as an alliance in a way that Moscow found acceptable, this might enable Moscow to drop its objections to a united Germany within Nato altogether. He said that the Nato summit in July would provide an opportunity for the alliance to reformulate its "military doctrine".

In what appeared to be a small concession to Western concern about the possibility of Soviet troops remaining in East Germany after unification, Mr Gorbachev said that the United States would be entitled to withdraw from any agreement, if it felt that its interests were being jeopardized.



President Gorbachev receiving Alexei II, the new Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, in the Kremlin yesterday

## Patriarch fears for education

From NICK WORRALL  
in MOSCOW

FEARS that the Kremlin's promised new legislation on religious freedom in the Soviet Union will prevent the Russian Orthodox Church from organising religious education for children were voiced here yesterday by Alexei II, the newly-elected Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

Speaking at his first news conference since being elected head of the church last Thursday, the spiritual leader of 50 million believers said that, if the Church accepted proposals for this exclusion, it would be a step backward for Soviet democracy.

He said priests in the Baltic republics and in Georgia who did not follow the Russian Orthodox faith were already able to teach children the fundamentals of religion without which "it is difficult to be a cultured man or woman."

In the past two to three years the teaching of religion to children by the Church has been resumed on an unofficial basis.

Later the new patriarch met President Gorbachev at the Kremlin, an encounter he described as important and useful. He added: "We discussed the role of the Church in society and exchanged views on developments in the country."

## UK dismisses Kremlin attack on Trident sale

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's attempts to undermine the Anglo-American nuclear technology exchange agreement, under which Trident missiles are to be sold to Britain, will not succeed, British officials insisted yesterday.

Foreign Office officials, reacting to Mr Gorbachev's statement to the supreme soviet that unrestricted exchanges of technology between London and Washington should stop after the signing of a strategic arms reduction treaty (Start), said there was no question of interfering with the special relationship.

While conceding that the present arrangement to supply Trident D5 missiles to Britain would be unaffected by Start, Mr Gorbachev made it clear he wanted to prevent further modernisation. British officials said "the pattern of co-operation" between Washington and London was not limited to one system. "So we're not going to accept any restrictions either in Start I or Start 2," one official said.

The first submarine armed with Trident missiles is not due to come into service until 1994. So, with a life span of about 25 years, there will be no need for a replacement system until about 2025. But if the present government's policy on strategic deterrence

were to continue unchanged, discussions with the Americans on a successor to Trident D5 would probably get underway within the next 15 years.

"There is no commitment to what we do at that stage," a senior British official said. "We haven't even got Trident D5 yet."

Mr Gorbachev said he accepted that Trident had gone from Trident I to Trident 2. This referred to the government's decision in 1982 to drop the original plan to buy Trident C4, the first version of the missile, and to go for the bigger D5 model.

In an open document on Trident published in March 1982, the government explained that the reason was not to acquire a more powerful system with more warheads and greater accuracy but because it would mean "commonality" with the US. It made sense, in terms of production and servicing, to share the same missiles.

Indeed later in 1982, the government reached agreement with the US that British Trident missiles would be processed with those of the US at King's Bay, Georgia, saving the UK £770 million.

This means that at the start of its commission, each Trident submarine will be loaded with 16 missiles at King's Bay. The warheads, designed in

Britain, will be fitted at Coulport on the Clyde. When the submarine goes into refit, normally after seven or eight years, all the missiles will be returned to King's Bay, where they will be maintained.

Under the unusual arrangement, there will be no specifically British or American missiles. They will be part of a common pool, although Britain will have rights to a certain number. The Foreign Office has put it this way: "One can own a rocket for eight years, take it back and get another rocket, which one owns."

In the 1982 open document, the government emphasised that Trident C4 would have been adequate for ensuring a minimum credible deterrent. A commitment was therefore given that the warheads on the Trident D5 system would not exceed the number capable of being carried on a C4 missile-equipped submarine which is 128, or eight warheads on each of 16 missiles. This limits the number of warheads on the D5 system for the fleet of four submarines to a maximum of 512.

The design of the D5 missile gives it the capability to carry up to 14 warheads compared with the C4. With 16 missiles per submarine, the fleet of four boats could have had a potential total of 896.

## Students block Sofia streets in poll protest

From TIM JUDAH in SOFIA

TRAFFIC in the centre of Sofia was blocked yesterday by about 1,500 students, supporting the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, who built barricades on the main streets surrounding the university. They were simultaneously protesting against and celebrating the expected results of last Sunday's election.

One of them, Margarita Vasileva, said: "We are protesting against the manipulations, fraud and threats carried out by the communists."

Tanya Todorova, also managing a barricade, said: "We are celebrating our victory in Sofia." Scores of students had linked hands and were dancing round the university.

Yesterday afternoon the official spokesman for the interior ministry, Jordan Ormankov, said Sofia and some of the towns were "tense". But the overriding impression given at the demonstration by the Sofia students was one of carnival.

Two days after the closure of the polls in Bulgaria's first free election in more than 40 years, there was still no final result. Figures released yesterday confirmed predictions that the ruling Bulgarian Socialist Party, formerly the Communist Party, was heading for about half of the vote and the opposition UDF for about a third, but beyond that no further conclusion could be drawn, except for the fact that the UDF had won an overwhelming victory in Sofia.

Meanwhile Petko Simionov, the chairman of the UDF central election club, has filed a formal protest to the Bulgarian president, Petar Mladenov, and the chairman of the central electoral commission. To President Mladenov the letter says: "We wish to express our strong protest against the manipulations and fraud by persons and offices responsible only to you."

Many of the UDF allegations concerned the results completed by polling stations, but despite the tone of the letter, the mood in the party headquarters appeared to be one of hope. One member said: "I think that actual fraud will only have cost us 2 per cent of the vote. And frankly I think we have not done that badly, considering that we only had a few months to organise."

There has been no official reaction from the BSP about the apparent victory, although *Duma*, the party newspaper, was expressing its satisfaction yesterday. It said: "The UDF is painfully realising what has happened. Let us hope that the second round will also be a success for the BSP. Not only because we would like it, but because the people themselves have indicated that this would be only just."

The second round takes place next Sunday. There are to be run-offs in more than 70 seats out of 200 elected on the "first past the post" system. Most of these will be straight fights between the BSP and the UDF. The prime minister, Andrei Lukin, is among those who will have to fight for his seat in the second round. There are to be 400 seats in Bulgaria's new parliament, half of which are elected on a proportional representation basis.

### BULGARIAN ELECTION RESULTS

Provisional results of first round of voting for Grand National Assembly, with 200 seats decided by direct election and 200 by proportional representation.

Party	Direct	PR
Bulgarian Socialist Party	68	98
Union of Democratic Forces	32	75
Bulgarian Agrarian Party	0	16
Others (details below)	11	11
Movement for Rights and Freedoms	6	(n/a)
Social Democratic Party	11	(n/a)
Fatherland Union	1	(n/a)
Independent	16	(n/a)
Still to be declared	73	-
Seats in June 17 runoff	-	-

Direct voting figures are official; those for PR forecasts by Itas, the West German polling institute.

## Moscow MPs pass press freedom law

From REUTER and AFP in MOSCOW

THE Soviet parliament yesterday passed a bill to guarantee press freedom and eliminate censorship.

In another move in the Soviet Union, a draft law released yesterday, enables the KGB to tap telephone conversations, control mail and enter any home, day or night, in carrying out its mission.

But the KGB will first have to obtain an order from the procurator before it can place wiretaps and will have to ensure the observance of socialist legality in its own activities, according to the bill. This was the first in Soviet history to codify the role and prerogatives of the security service, the Interfax news agency said.

On the bill guaranteeing press freedom, the official Tass news agency said: "The law is the first in the history of the Soviet state to give detailed guarantees of the freedom of the press and the rights of journalists."

## Le Pen delight at splitting right

From PHILIP JACOBSON in PARIS

NBODY would ever call Jean-Marie Le Pen a good loser, but the controversial president of the National Front can afford to smile broadly at the near-certain defeat for his party's candidate in a local election near Lyons next weekend. For once again M Le Pen has deftly whipped the rug from beneath the feet of France's mainstream conservatives, leaving them more divided than ever, squabbling over tactics and objectives while the extreme-right National Front homes in on the growing anti-immigration vote.

The success of this strategy was amply demonstrated in the first round of the cantonal election in Villeurbanne a week ago. As expected, the Socialists were easy winners, but the Front's candidate, Pierre Vial, a professor of medieval history at the University of Lyons, won through to the run-off by ten points over a rival handicapped to run under the colours of the three main parties of the orthodox right.

Although abstentions were greater

than 70 per cent, M Le Pen was quick to claim a victory. The rout of the conservatives was hailed as proof that the widespread outrage directed at the Front after the desecration of a Jewish cemetery at Carpentras had been nothing but a tool of politicians and the media.

As M Le Pen crowed to anyone who would listen, voters at Villeurbanne had evidently decided there is no longer any political middle ground between the left and his party. Not before time, leaders of the orthodox right have realised that the thrust of M Le Pen's new strategy is to marginalise the conservative establishment. The performance of the main opposition parties in parliament since the Socialists came to power has helped him, and alarm bells are beginning to ring. Even before the first vote in Villeurbanne, a senior official of Jacques Chirac's dominant Rassemblement pour la République, warned about the danger of the French concluding that nothing lies between the left and extreme right.

The deep-rooted antipathy between

prominent politicians of the orthodox right continues to hamper efforts to contain the Le Pen revival. While some influential voices now advocate a temporary electoral pact with the Socialists at the Front, other hardliners reject this as "unacceptable complexity" and urge supporters to stay away from the polls.

Meanwhile the Socialists are sitting pretty, more or less sure of winning, thanks to transferred Communist and Green votes, greatly entertained by the schisms within the ranks of the right. The party still faces considerable problems in shaping a credible policy on immigration, but it clearly hopes to profit from the growing unease about the lack of effective response to the Front on the softer orthodox conservative fringes.

As for M Le Pen, he clearly feels the political tide is again in his favour. He has shrewdly manoeuvred the mainstream conservatives into the position of constantly having to respond to his own pronouncements and initiatives.



An old Romanian woman grabs the sleeve of a baton-wielding policeman in charge of troops protecting the government headquarters building in University Square in Bucharest from about 1,000 protesters continuing a seven-week demonstration

MEPs are clearly nervous that their own role will somehow be diluted. What most upsets them is the prospect of the commission paying more attention to EFTA countries than to them - that is in the informal "decision-making" meetings, Brussels will trim its proposals to suit the EFTA partners in the EES, whereas the MEPs can simply ignore the MEPs on issues where it disagrees with them.

Their report said parliamentary supervision of the joint bodies was a *sine qua non*. It said any agreement between the EC and EFTA should be based on the EC's own inter-governmental conference on political union, and should not affect greater powers. It also called for a joint parliamentary assembly, grouping the MEPs and the EFTA representatives.

MEPs want to be represented in the negotiations. But Mr Frans Andriessen, the external affairs commissioner who will lead the talks for the EC, said this was impossible.



# Italy heeds protests and pulls Venice out of Expo contest

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

THE Italian government has withdrawn the candidacy of Venice as a venue for Expo 2000, the world fair scheduled for the year 2000. Yesterday the prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, announced: "The government has reached the decision not to confirm the candidacy of Venice for Expo 2000 with the Bureau International des Expositions in Paris."

The BIE, which has 43 member nations, is due to choose the Expo site tomorrow and will now have to decide between Hanover and Toronto.

The government withdrew the candidacy faced by a mounting storm of protest, both Italian and international, against a project which its critics say would have damaged Venice by attracting an estimated 30 million visitors at the peak of the tourist season to a city already hard put to survive structurally and socially and to deal with the normal flow of tourism.

Earlier this year, the European parliament voted almost unanimously against using the Venice area for Expo 2000. But Signor Andreotti's gov-

ernment had chosen to uphold a candidacy which had been conceived and promoted by Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister.

Signor Andreotti acted yesterday before the Senate and Chamber of Deputies could vote on a motion to withdraw the candidacy. The result was a foregone conclusion, with a majority of opposition and government party MPs openly opposed to the Expo.

Much of the pressure brought on Italy to withdraw the Venice candidacy came from 21 international pro-Venice committees. Count Alvise Zorzi, the Venetian writer and historian who is president of the association of these committees, said: "The force of ideas has finally prevailed against economic interests. And it has been an eloquent demonstration that the city of Venice is close to the hearts of the entire world." Last week Count Zorzi sent a letter to Italy's 630 MPs asking that they act against the Venice Expo.

Sir Ashley Clarke, a former British ambassador to Italy who lives for most of the year in Venice and is president of

Britain's Venice in Peril committee, said he was "enormously relieved" and it was a very wise decision by Signor Andreotti. "Now we must go ahead with more positive projects to help Venice."

Antonio Casellati, the Mayor of Venice, telephoned Sir Ashley at his home at Hampton Court, Surrey, minutes after hearing the news. "The mayor was very much against Expo and he rang to say how glad he was for the assistance we gave him," said Sir Ashley. "We worked very hard to get this result. Venice is so special."

Lord Norwich, one of the British campaigners, said: "It is wonderful news. It really means Venice will live rather than die. Expo would have killed it stone dead long before the year 2000."

Carlo Ripa di Meana, EEC commissioner for the environment, said yesterday: "Now Venice can breathe a sigh of relief at having avoided the danger. But the problems of the city remain and must be dealt with seriously and urgently."

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Democratic awakening: An Algerian casts his vote in the Ain Seffa region in the first multi-party poll since 1962

## Islamic challenge in Algeria election

From SUSAN MACDONALD, ALGERIA

ALGERIA'S first multi-party municipal elections yesterday appeared to have turned into a close-run contest between the ruling National Liberation Front and the Islamic fundamentalists.

Voters went to the polls in greater numbers and with more enthusiasm than at any time since independence from France in 1962.

Final results are expected early today, but the real question is whether the FLN manages to mobilise enough support to beat the new Islamic Salvation Front party (Fis). Its president, Abbassi Madani, said that he would not be responsible for the anger of his followers if the Fis polls less than 50 per cent of the overall vote. A lower total, he said, would be proof of electoral fraud as he, confidently expected 75 per cent of the total vote to be cast for his party.

Despite the threat there was a holiday mood yesterday as more than 13 million Algerians on the electoral lists turned out to try their hand at democracy after 28 years of rigid one-party rule by the FLN.

Eleven political parties — out of more than 20 legalised since the 1988 riots forced the FLN to loosen its grip on the nation — were fielding candidates. In one polling booth that I visited a man who wanted to cast a vote for his wife without producing the proper documents was politely but firmly turned away. "It has always worked before," he shouted.

"Yes, but we are trying to instal a new system now," replied the official patiently.

In Algiers many people — and especially the young men who form the bulk of the population — voted for the Fis. Whether they wholly agree with its religious extremism or not, the well-organised Fis gives the disillusioned and the disorientated — and there are many here — a sense of belonging. Fis militants have worked hard in every district of the capital, telling people of the local conditions what they wanted to hear.

One, *intra yesterday*, abhors Islamic extremism at every turn, actually voted for the fundamentalists, because someone had whispered to him yesterday morning that for the Fis taxes were a sin and if he voted for them he would not pay taxes.

Many Berbers in the mountainous Kabylie region boycotted yesterday's election on instructions from one of the leaders of Algeria's war of independence, Hocine Ait Ahmed. He has said that this type of voting is unfair and that the all-FLN national assembly should be dissolved immediately to make way for national elections.

President Chadli, who was one of the first to vote yesterday morning, said that democracy would be introduced progressively. Yesterday's local elections are expected to be followed in two years' time by legislative elections — and then presidential elections. But everything rests on these present local election results and the power that the FLN is still able to exercise in Algerian politics.

The smaller parties insist that the FLN must go and that real change in the country can come only after a change of government.

## Queueing time in Berlin for mark windfall

From ANNE McELVOY IN EAST BERLIN

JULY will be the richest month for East Germans now queuing from dawn till dusk to prepare their bank accounts for the conversion into German marks but June is certainly the most miserable for the thousands of bank staff faced with the snaking queues even before they open at six in the morning.

With the entire country in a state of fraught anticipation of "D-mark Day", supermarkets are sold out of anything that can be hoarded or frozen as the "hamster buying" reaches new heights. The tills rattle with coins now referred to disparagingly as "aluchips" by the shoppers who are looking forward to a weightier currency.

"No one wants small change any more," said Frau Kati Britz, a cashier whose every second customer in the dingy Pankow supermarket brings along a bag of coins to change for notes.

"Even Frau Krenz (the wife of the former communist leader) was here with a bagful of 50-pfennig pieces this morning."

The run on Coca-Cola and Western chocolate — only recently available in East German shops — has slowed down with housewives stocking up on cheaper domestic products instead.

Despite reassurances in the East German press that all accounts will be ready for conversion by July 1, many people fear that the overburdened banking system will collapse by then, leaving them stranded with useless East marks. Older people recall the overnight conversion of the Reichsmark into the Deutschmark in West Germany in 1948 and are warning of being taken once again by surprise.

Several thousands Poles who have accounts in East German banks — formerly the most prized currency in the Eastern bloc — have not yet been told what exchange rate they will be offered despite repeated requests for informa-

tion by the Polish government. East Germany says that the rate will be fair but that it is holding back the announcement to limit speculation.

In typical East German fashion, however, the policy comes a good three months too late, with antique furniture and bookshops already stripped of anything thought valuable enough to fetch a good price in the new currency after the union.

The sweeping promise that the streets truncated by the Berlin Wall would be reopened by the symbolic date is a long way from being realised, with the wall still standing stubbornly outside the centre of the city.

A recent plea by the government spokesman, Matthias Gehler, for West Berlin building firms to offer their services free of charge to pull down the Wall, founded when the volunteer workers sent by 38 firms had to be sent home again because border guards had not received orders to allow the bulldozers to move in. Instead, in the best traditions of the bad old days, a "plan for the preparation of the re-establishment of the street connections to Berlin-West" has been drawn up by the East German authorities.

However, this has taken so long to draft that the authorities now fear they will be unable to make the date and have called in border troops to organise the wall-clearing work.

The ministry of defence also says that random demolition of the structure could be dangerous as it contains asbestos. The border guards are also backing demands that there should be a thorough mine-sweeping along the death strip between the two Germanies before this also can be opened up.

"We want to be 200 per cent sure that there are no mines left," said Major-General Heinz Teichmann, who is in charge of the clearance.

"We do not want any nasty accidents," he added.

## Kohl and opposition manoeuvre to gain full reunification glory

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE latest lap in the race to become the first chancellor of a reunited Germany was run yesterday in the office of Helmut Kohl, but without the participation of his main challenger, Oskar Lafontaine, the mercurial prime minister of Saarland.

The meeting was theoretically about how to improve the treaty on economic, currency and social union between the two Germanies.

In practice it was about whether the Social Democrats (SPD) can deprive Herr Kohl, the West German chancellor, and his Christian Democrats (CDU) of the popularity he has won from having mapped out the fast route to reunification.

It was also about whether Herr Lafontaine is any longer a credible candidate for the election. He has no obvious rival, with only Walter Momper, the Mayor of West Berlin, popular enough with party voters in both Germanies to stand a chance — although he has said he is not interested in the job.

The SPD was represented at yesterday's meeting by its

leader, Hans-Jochen Vogel, who lost against Herr Kohl in 1983 and has no urge to take him on again. As the party leader he was originally relieved by the emergence of Herr Lafontaine as an undisputed, charismatic candidate, with the important backing of Willy Brandt, who is universally loved and respected.

In spite of the chancellor's success in wooing the voters of East Germany at their general election in March and in rushing through measures for reunification, Herr Lafontaine stayed well in front in the personal opinion polls and the SPD began pulling back on the CDU's long-established overall lead.

The Socialists gained strength in state elections, winning Lower Saxony from the CDU last month and with it a majority in the Bundesrat — the upper house which must endorse legislation.

But last month, too, Herr Lafontaine was lucky to escape with his life after being stabbed in the neck by a deranged woman, and since then his political touch seems

to have deserted him. The result is that he has been controlling the SPD from his home in Saarbrücken, where he is convalescing. Herr Vogel and a lot of senior party members are not very happy about the tactics he is adopting, but he keeps threatening to withdraw his candidacy if he does not get his way. With no obvious alternative to stand against Herr Kohl, the party leadership has been caving in so far.

Herr Lafontaine was again endorsed this week as candidate, although the final decision is not to be taken until September. He wants to take a stand against the economic state treaty, which is due to be endorsed by the Bundesrat on June 21 and by the Bundesrat a day later, so that it will be ready for takeover of the East German economy by the German mark at the beginning of next month.

He insists that in its present form it will lead to unnecessary hardship in East Germany, triggering a new flow of settlers to the West, who will cause unemployment and exacerbate the housing shortage.

He predicts this chaos will come quickly and would like the SPD to have nothing to do with the treaty so that it can go into the next election with clean hands.

But the party itself believes that the German electorate on both sides of the present border is emotionally too much in favour of reunification to tolerate delay. Grass-roots soundings show that, if the SPD does vote against the treaty, the public will vote against the SPD.

A Wicket Institute poll at the weekend confirmed this fear, showing that the party had lost 2.7 per cent in the past two weeks directly as a result of Herr Lafontaine's stand, so that the SPD with 37 per cent is now trailing the CDU with 43.9 per cent.

The SPD in East Germany has also been very unhappy with Herr Lafontaine's position, and its leadership has asked him to drop his opposition to the treaty. Heavily defeated by the CDU there

last March, it does not want to be associated with a move to delay implementation of economic union.

In consequence, Herr Lafontaine has been obliged to dilute his tough position. SPD deputies in the Bundesrat — where they are in a minority — are no longer being ordered to vote against the treaty. Some SPD delegates in the Bundesrat will probably abstain rather than use their majority there to block ratification of the treaty.

Herr Lafontaine nevertheless insists that the SPD keeps its distance, so that it can benefit from the chaos he believes will come.

Herr Kohl, meanwhile, has been capitalising on the SPD's discomfiture. He invited its leaders — not including Herr Lafontaine — to join him in finding ways to improve the treaty and they held their second round of discussions with him yesterday.

Herr Vogel emerged claiming that "thanks to the SPD" the risks facing the East German people from the treaty were being reduced. Volke Rube, the CDU general secretary, insisted that there would not be any changes to the treaty, however, and said that the improvements being added to it would have been worked out anyway, "thanks to the CDU".

The improvements include import controls to protect East German industry for a transitional period and tougher environmental regulations. They in no way alter the treaty or the pace of reunification.

Having been forced to give in to the party on its tactics, Herr Lafontaine's credibility as a candidate is now seriously weakened. He has to rely on social chaos this autumn to restore his political reputation. With the economic growth rate running at more than 4 per cent, unemployment coming down and inflation holding firm at 2.7 per cent, Herr Kohl argues from a position of strength that the powerful West German economy can prevent chaos, and he believes this will destroy his rival's electoral chances.

## Malaysian monopoly for news

Kuala Lumpur — The Malaysian parliament yesterday gave the national news agency Bernama sole rights to receive and distribute news in the country. A government MP said it should only release foreign news "in tandem with our national aspirations".

Opposition MPs attacked the move, saying it would erode press freedom. The amendment also allows Bernama to cease being guided by UN declarations on freedom of information.

Until now international news agencies have been allowed to distribute news directly to subscribers. Bernama did not edit or censor foreign news. (Reuters)

## UN plea on boat people's plight

Hong Kong — Robert Van Lier, speaking for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said that turning away Vietnamese boat people rescued at sea could discourage ships from responding to distress calls (Jonathan Braude writes).

He was speaking after Hong Kong turned away 17 boat people aboard a Taiwan freighter for the second time in less than three weeks.

## Balaguer wins Dominican poll

Santo Domingo — President Balaguer, aged 83, has been declared the winner in Dominican Republic elections held on May 16. His opponents have five days to challenge the results.

The result came after a wearying, almost four-week delay, aggravated by repeated opposition charges of fraud. (Reuters)

## Women told to put babies before brains

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

RAISING a few eyebrows among his all-male cabinet colleagues, a senior Japanese minister yesterday blamed the country's dwindling birth rate on the growing number of Japanese women who are choosing brains over breeding.

In an anxious cabinet discussion on how to pep up Japan's record low birth rate — a trend Japanese officials fear promises doom for the economy and, in the longer run, the Japanese race as well — Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, asked: "Is not this the effect of more women in higher education?"

Adding to the growing list of proposals for combating the problem, Mr Hashimoto suggested that, if Japan wanted to avoid the threat of labour shortages, it needed to alter its policy of allowing all students who want to enter higher education from doing so. "Another policy is to have students work while they study," he told the cabinet.

Misao Sakamoto, Japan's chief cabinet secretary, later told a news conference that the government was looking hard for solutions to what it calls a "quiet crisis". The worry is that there will be too few taxpayers to meet the costs of caring for an already rapidly ageing society. Asked

if he was proposing a return to Japan's pre-war policy of encouraging women to "give birth and multiply", Mr Sakamoto replied wistfully: "It is not such an easy matter to get Japanese women to bear children for us."

The panic triggered by Japan's search for an end to its falling birth rate — down to a new low level of 1.57 children per woman — has bemused foreigners here.

Government officials have warned husbands to go home earlier and do something patriotic to inflate the birth statistics. In an apocalyptic report, a health and welfare ministry panel said: "Just as was the case in the last days of ancient Rome, the decrease in the number of children is a sign of declining civilisation." The grim report also gave a warning that, unless remedial action was taken soon, the Japanese race would be wiped out in a millennium.

The percentage of women school leavers going on to college has more than doubled over 20 years to about 37 per cent. The rise has altered social patterns in a country in which women who are not married by the age of 25 are deemed suspect. Married women who work are not the oddities they recently were.

## Shell moves to sidestep liability for oil disasters

From CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

AS FIRES on the Mega Borg super-tanker abated yesterday, reducing the danger of a catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, questions arose over the ability of petroleum companies to pay for the consequences of such disasters in the United States.

By midday, firefighters were preparing to pump foam on to the blaze on board the Norwegian-owned tanker, wallowing stern-down 57 miles south-east of Galveston, after the blaze which has been raging since last Saturday was contained in the stern of the vessel and appeared to be subsiding. The Coast Guard said that the tanker appeared structurally sound and the 38 million gallons of light crude were largely intact.

"The chances of her sinking are very slight at this point," said a spokesman. "Because they have the fire pushed back in the ship, it is not anywhere near the cargo tanks."

At least 100,000 gallons of fuel oil and crude have already seeped from the tanker, though much of it has burned. Fair weather and the volatility of the light crude has helped reduce the damage from the spill, which occurred in an area

where wildlife is already severely affected by oil and industrial pollution. With a large-scale disaster apparently averted, the industry and the government digested an announcement by Royal Dutch/Shell on Monday that it would suspend deliveries of crude oil in its own ships to American ports.

In a measure to protect itself from the almost unlimited liability of accidents in US waters, the Anglo-Dutch company said on Monday it would hire independent ships to transport its oil. This step would mean the vessels' owners rather than the oil company would face the open-ended liability that applies in the United States. Shell took the step in light of the \$2 billion (£1.18 billion) costs faced by Exxon in the aftermath of the disaster last year in which one of its tankers pushed 11 million gallons of heavy crude off the Alaskan coast.

Shell's announcement could start a stampede by the big companies to avoid liability, said industry analysts. "When Shell makes a decision, all the responsible owners seriously consider the matter," said Kristian Fugelsang, of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners, which controls half the world's tanker fleet. The financial risks of shipping oil to the

United States are particularly high because Congress has not ratified conventions which limit liability.

In the Gulf of Mexico, K.S. Mega Borg II, the owners of the tanker, have so far borne all the costs of the accident while Elf Aquitaine, the French company which produced the crude in Angola and the Texas facilities where it was destined, declined to accept liability. Similarly, the British owners of the BT Nautilus have been paying for the clean-up in New York after their ship ran aground last week and spilled 260,000 gallons of oil into a harbour waterway.

With the fire aboard the Mega Borg apparently coming under control, politicians and environmental experts expressed astonishment over the lack of preparedness in Galveston bay, home to a third of the nation's oil refineries, for a large-scale oil spill. Despite all the uproar after last year's Exxon Valdez disaster and all the pictures of dead otters and birds, little has been done to cope with such potential environmental catastrophe. Garry Mauro, the Texas general land commissioner and a leader of the clean-up effort along the Gulf coast, said the state was not prepared for a huge spill, although its ports handle more than 200 million tons of crude oil

every year. "This is our worst nightmare. There is no plan to deal with 38 million gallons of oil in the water. Anything that happens to deal with the crisis is going to be a make-do emergency plan."

It took two days for equipment to be marshalled for handling the fire on the Mega Borg. Some had to be shipped from Louisiana and Alabama, while nozzles and tanks for the chemical foam used to extinguish such fires had to be flown from Rotterdam and did not arrive until Monday morning, 57 hours after the explosion on the tanker.

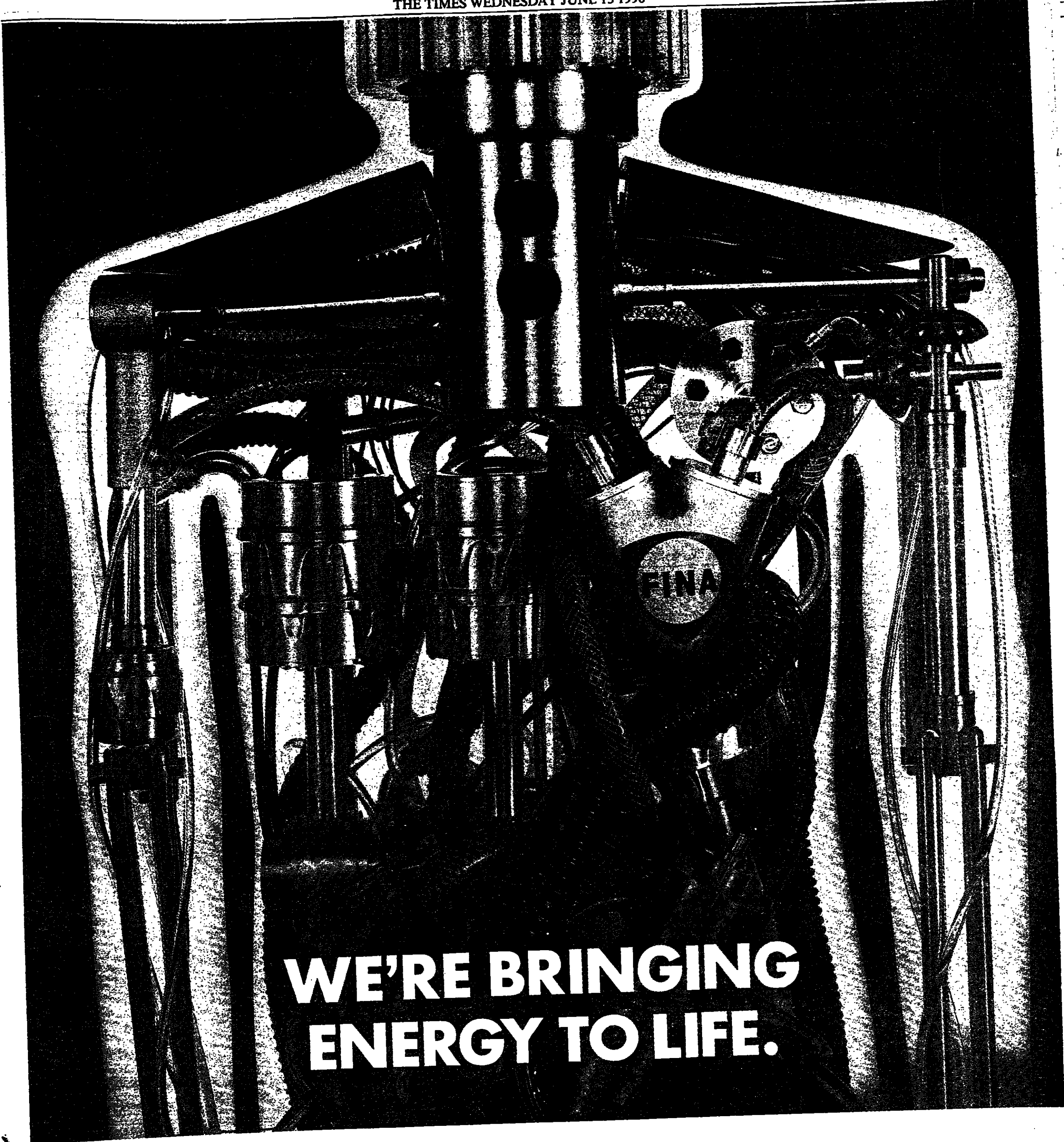
"This is a free-enterprise operation and we cannot make the firefighting firms store equipment here along the Gulf if they don't want to," said a spokesman for the Coast Guard, which has been monitoring the efforts of the firefighting firm, Smit American Salvage of Houston. The clean-up is being run by a company called Ops Inc of New Orleans. Industry experts said the heavy-duty foam equipment was not available locally because it was concentrated in the North Sea and the Middle East, where more big oil fires usually occur.

Texas recently conducted its first oil-spill response rehearsal. "The drill dealt with something like 20,000 gallons, which is nothing



Lothar de Maiziere, the Christian Democrat prime minister of East Germany, honours America's war dead at Arlington cemetery yesterday





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# Now for the in-fighting

Martin Jacques

The weekend elections in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria were the last of the round to take place in the wake of the events of 1989. It is therefore a suitable moment to take stock. Without any doubt, they have been a remarkable achievement. For countries which had not experienced free elections for at least 40 years, they went surprisingly smoothly. They appeared more like a habit than a novelty. Even in Romania and Bulgaria, where the results were contested, they were a formidable advance over what went before.

Of course, establishing a democracy is not about one election. Only after several elections, when the principle of alternation in office becomes practice and the democratic form is tested amid hard choices, can it be said that a democracy is reasonably safe and secure. But given that the revolutions are for the most part only a few months old, an excellent start has been made.

Already the old stereotype of Eastern Europe as a bloc has been largely buried. It never reflected anything more than a geopolitical imposition, which is clear now that these countries are free to express themselves. They have a common past and therefore many common problems, but what impresses most at the moment is how they differ. East Germany is the great exception in all matters. It has its own private solution. Otherwise, there is a marked variation between the "northern" countries (Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia) and the more backward Balkan nations (Romania and Bulgaria).

The most striking common feature of the elections was the overwhelming rejection of the past. The forces that triumphed were those that presided over the vanquishing of the old: Civic Forum in Czechoslovakia, the National Salvation Front in Romania, Solidarity in Poland, the Socialist Party in Bulgaria. East Germany is different, and so up to a point is Hungary, perhaps because of its longer gestation period of its democracy. Clearly there will be no return to the past, even in Bulgaria and Romania, where the break is least marked.

The old Communist parties, therefore, stand little chance of a serious future. The Czechoslovak Communists polled rather more than anyone expected (13.6 per cent), but their vote was probably drawn overwhelmingly from those who enjoyed the perks of office, plus some of the elderly who are now fearful of change.

The elections, though, have been concerned with burying the past rather than making hard decisions about the future. Politics as we know it has been largely absent. Rather, the emphasis has been on the creation of a new national consensus. Societies which for years have been fed a diet of ideology and little else

have understandably retreated from "isms" and labels. This is particularly true of the left, which is haunted by a fear of association with what has gone before, and remains politically vulnerable for this very reason. So the classic vehicle of change is not a party, but a broad church such as Civic Forum, which has many different strands and eschews labels like left and right.

But it is difficult to see how this can last. It was a necessary and important condition of the initial democratic phase, when national unity and the establishment of new representative institutions were the priorities. But that phase has now been largely completed. The next will be very different.

All these countries face, in varying degrees, appalling economic problems. The outlook is universally grim, with little or no prospect of economic growth or rising living standards until towards the end of the decade. The time for hard choices has arrived.

Up to a point, there remains a remarkable consensus about what to do. Everyone agrees that the old game is up and that these countries must enter the modern world. There is no support for national socialism and old-style planning. The market economy is advocated even by the Czechoslovak Communist Party (the only one still to use that name). Privatisation, convertibility and the ending of subsidies are a shared vocabulary. The positions of the old left have collapsed. But new lines of demarcation are already being drawn, and they strongly resemble those familiar in Western Europe.

The argument concerns the speed of change, but also, to some extent, the kind of society that is envisaged. The differences between the economists Klaus Komarek in Czechoslovakia and the schism in Solidarity between Wales and Michnik, mainly concern economic speed versus social cost. And without any doubt, these divisions will grow steadily deeper as unemployment reaches gargantuan proportions, living standards fall, and the number of losers increases exponentially.

Phase one is over, and there is much to fear from phase two. There will be no return to the post-war past: communism is dead, that much is clear. But given the legacy of these societies, and the recent ethnic conflicts, the most obvious danger as social tensions grow and poverty deepens is a populist, authoritarian nationalism of the right.

Such a force represents the greatest threat to the newly emergent democracies. Blind monetarism caused much damage in the early Eighties in Britain. The stakes in Eastern Europe are much higher. Speedy reform is important, but it cannot be everything when the political cost could be nothing short of catastrophic.

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## CRAIG BROWN

Slipping on a soggy old election poster ("The Time Has Come") in a street in Limehouse last week, I fell and sprained my ankle. Somehow, I dragged myself to the nearest doctor.

The receptionist, a Miss Barnes, told me the doctor would see me if I would care to wait. I took a seat, joining his other patients browsing through a selection of old medical pamphlets, mainly concerned with restoring visions, breaking moulds and healing old sores.

The waiting room was impressively decorated with a variety of recent accolades the doctor had received from his trusty old colleagues. Looking at them, I thought of how proud they must make him feel. "I am hopeful that the world of British medicine will welcome the doctor back with open arms," enthused a Sir David Steel. Others were equally rapturous.

"I have no doubt in my own mind that his natural home is in the surgery," declared a Lord Jenkins, though I couldn't help but notice that the final two words, "under anaesthetic", had been scribbled out with a swift blow from a sharp pencil. The door opened and a patient emerged. "How did it go?" I asked, sympathetically. "Very well indeed," replied the patient. "I told him I had a slight snuffle and asked for his opinion. He said the situation demanded immediate action, called for a full and independent inquiry, and said that then, and only then, would the country at large be justified in believing that we had got to the bottom of this widespread problem. I was very impressed. I can tell you."

"But did he actually do anything about this slight snuffle?" I wondered, for I had my own sprained ankle to worry about.

"He said that it would be absurd to get bogged down in hypotheticals when basic principles were at stake," sniffed the patient, "and that his proposed Slight Snuffle Inquiry would attempt to unravel all slight sniffles, and not just this one. He finished by advising me to get to grips with a batch of very real and complex tissues. He said there were fundamental

tissues at stake, you know. Brilliant man, the doctor."

The doctor himself then strode out of his room, waving his right hand forcefully and beaming into the distance. Alone in the waiting room, I must admit that I was not sure what to do. But I thought it best to applaud. After a two-minute ovation, the doctor modestly signalled with both arms for my applause to die down.

"Ahem, doctor," interrupted Miss Barnes, "this is Mr Brown. He thinks he might have sprained his ankle."

"Oddly enough," the doctor didn't seem to hear, continuing to address the almost empty waiting room in a forceful manner. "Let's make no bones about it," he declared, "our terminal decline can only be halted by a kick-start from a new set of blood at the top and breaking a leg to ensure that we put our best foot forward in order to turn our heads to the process of breathing new life into old wounds."

"The doctor talks a lot of sense," whispered Miss Barnes, casting him admiring looks as he held his hands in the air in a gesture of triumph. "He'll see you now, Mr Brown."

At last the doctor seemed to notice me. He shook my hand with tremendous gusto, asking me if I lived locally, what my job was, and whether he could count on my support. I told him about my sprained ankle, and asked him whether he thought that it, too, could count on some support. "I have long maintained," he replied, "that the whole sprained ankle debate has been allowed to get quite out of hand. Let's be quite frank about this. There is a vital need for the implementation of a long-term solution to this crippling problem. Let me make that quite clear, for once and for all. Thank you."

Obviously I was greatly impressed by this news, shaking the doctor's hand with renewed vigour as I thanked him for everything. Hobbling out of the surgery — my ankle, alas, was a little worse — I reflected that this country could do with more doctors like him, doctors who were prepared to overlook present difficulties in favour of the long-term solution.

Clifford Longley sees Labour holding off the Tory challenge — if only by moving the goalposts

# Union justice without losing votes

In one of the first important skirmishes of the general election campaign, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, is attempting to convince the public that Labour is committed to returning Britain to the industrial relations anarchy of the late 1970s.

His Labour shadow, Tony Blair, can prove him wrong only by saying that Labour will keep virtually all the trade union legislation of the last 10 years, the very "Tory laws" which have been denounced year after year at party and union conferences. Faced with such assurances, Mr Howard has to demonstrate that Labour is bluffing. This was well illustrated in their recent exchange of letters in *The Times* (June 2, 11).

Remarkably on the recent Labour policy review, and in best court-room style, Mr Howard fagged surprise that there was "not one single mention of the right of trade union members to elect their leaders by secret ballot", which he called "an extraordinary omission". But Mr Blair was able to reply: "As he must know well, we expressly said we would retain such ballots last year." There is still room for Mr Howard to ask

why this was not in the statement, but it is not exactly an election-winning blow.

Mr Howard began the battle with a pre-emptive list of "ten questions for Labour", six of which (including that above) he thought worth a second outing after the Labour review was published. Some of them Mr Blair has answered effectively, but on others there is plenty of room for further debate. For instance, Mr Howard claimed that Labour was proposing to abolish an employer's right to an ex-parte injunction, and he can plausibly argue that that is what Labour's review document says. Injunctions became an important part of industrial relations weaponry when unions lost their general immunity from actions for damages resulting from industrial action (although they can sometimes claim immunity, as when they ballot their members).

The review states, for instance, that "At present the courts are able to issue ex-parte injunctions to an employer without the union being able to put its case. We will end this unfair procedure." Mr Blair insists that ex-parte injunctions will continue to be available, but says that the union will always

have the right to be heard. But "ex-parte" means one-sided, as Mr Blair ought to know, because, like Mr Howard, he is a barrister.

What matters is that wrongs should be righted without delay, and on that they appear to agree. There are probably not many votes in injunctions anyway, particularly as Labour says it intends to correct an imbalance in this area of law that the Conservatives themselves would have done well to correct.

Labour is proposing a small change in the law to ensure that a full trial follows an injunction "immediately", by which it means within the timescale of the dispute itself. No doubt this is the territory to which the skirmish will move if Mr Howard presses his challenge on injunctions. But most lawyers agree that the way injunctions have worked so far produces a bias towards the employers. At that stage they do not have to prove their case, only to show that they have one to argue, and they usually get the benefit of the "balance of convenience" rule.

Mr Howard would do better to concentrate his fire on secondary action, where loose drafting in the Labour document and Mr Blair's

weak reply in *The Times* have left Labour still vulnerable. Mr Howard said in *The Times*: "I asked whether Labour would bring back secondary picketing and the flying picket. They would." Mr Blair concedes the first, and denies the second, adding that Labour would not bring back mass picketing either.

What the document actually says about secondary action is that it would be allowed where there is a "direct" interest between those on strike and those wanting to support them. Secondary picketing would be allowed "only where the second employer is directly assisting the first employer to frustrate the dispute".

But an electricity company may be "directly assisting the first employer to frustrate the dispute" by keeping the current flowing, and presumably could be picketed. Similarly, secondary action would be allowed where "the outcome of the primary dispute will necessarily or probably affect the terms and conditions of the other employer's employees". The word "probably" is as long as a piece of string in industrial relations, where the level of settlement at, say, Ford will influence settlements

elsewhere in the car industry. This is Mr Howard's best chance to get past Mr Blair's very straight bat, and secondary action has never been a popular cause. Nevertheless, the Tories need to be careful, for there is one feature of Labour's position that will prove immensely frustrating to any opponent. It seems that Mr Blair's role in the overall Labour scheme is not so much to produce blueprints for future legislation as to deny the Tories points in the run-up to the election.

He has been given all the flexibility he needs for this, and Walworth Road will square it afterwards with "the brothers" at Concorde House (as Mr Blair refers to them). When pressed, he can redefine secondary action as narrowly as needs be, to keep the party out of political trouble.

In effect, Tony Blair has been given permission to move the goalposts. So the harder Michael Howard interrogates him, the more attractive Labour's policy will become. That may be in the public interest, but it means Mr Howard will not single-handedly win the general election on this issue, even if events prove him to have been right.

# On top of the world—but sliding inexorably down?

Peter Stothard, US editor, reports

on the debate between old-style cheerleaders and prophets of gloom

This week saw the start of round three of the biggest battle of ideas in town. In the last days of the Reagan era, round one went to the man in the red corner, "The Great Declinist" Professor Paul Kennedy, author of the bestselling *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* and prophet of American doom. Round two took place a few months ago when "The Robust Revivalist" Professor Joseph S. Nye Jr bounced into the blue corner to rapacious reviews of his counter-attack, *Bound to Lead*.

There has been much speculation about when the Declinists would strike back. The answer came with this week's *New York Review of Books*, in which Professor Kennedy returns to the fray, flailing at his critic's poor academic credentials, perverse use of statistics and encouragement to national complacency.

Each side knows the basic armoury of the other. Declinists compare the US to collapsed empires of the past, arguing that America is like 19th-century Britain and 16th-century Spain in letting its military commitments outstrip its budget. They look at America's falling share of world trade since the second world war, and the rise of economic rivals such as Japan; at America's indebtedness and seeming inability to save, its infant mortality rates (which in some places are worse than in Bangladesh) and its illiteracy rates, which are a scandalous curse on the survivors.

The Revivalists counter that the defence budget is nothing like the military burdens of past empires. As Professor Nye comments, spending 27 per cent of the US federal budget on defence is paltry by comparison with the vast war chests of past imperial exchequers: some 75 per cent in Philip II's Spain and Louis XIV's France, even more in the Russia of Peter the Great.

Professor Nye admits that US trade may be lower than the artificially high figure at the end of the war, but, he says, if you

compare the present position with times when America had fit trading partners, today's levels are not out of line. American language and culture are sweeping the world, and the education and infant mortality problems can surely be solved by American genius.

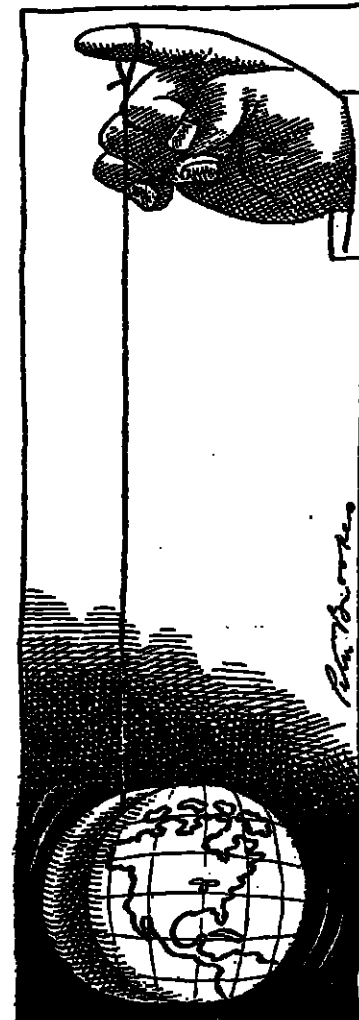
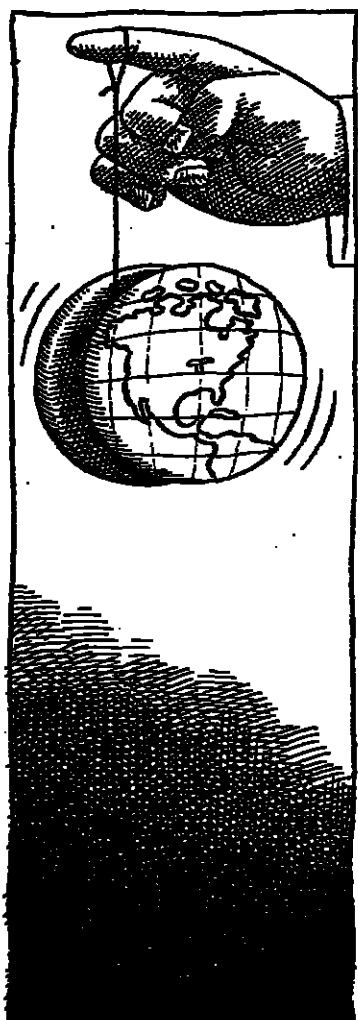
There is, of course, a political agenda for this battle. Professor Kennedy's original thesis may not have been conceived as a contribution to bipartisan debate, but it was seized on in the press — and hoisted into the bestseller lists — by Democrats who wished to exorcise President Reagan, and his military build-up, his debts and all his other works.

Equally, Professor Nye is not associated with the Republican right, but the dubbing of his book as an anti-Declinist riposte, and the promulgation of a Revivalist school to honour his efforts, owe much to the need of Republicans for some respectable ideas. For all his other qualities, President Bush does not offer much intellectual sustenance for his troops.

This week Professor Kennedy could not resist returning to the political brawl. He says that his opponents are not true historians (Professor Nye is a specialist in international relations), and that therefore they are unable to master the art of comparing one age with another.

In tactics familiar to anyone who has ever sat through a House of Commons debate on the economy, Professor Kennedy cavils at his opponent's choice of benchmark date in the argument about the reasonable level of US trade. While he accepts that 1945 may be an unfairly high mark because of the primacy of America over its war-torn enemies and allies, he says that 1938 (Professor Nye's choice) is unfairly low because of the Depression. His opponent has chosen this date, he suggests, either out of ignorance or because that is the year in which America's share of world trade was closest to the present figure.

Similarly, he attacks Professor



round four, the battle will probably have become so elaborately stylised that it has little to do with real political problems as boxing has to do with street-brawling. Professor Kennedy himself suggests that the most significant aspect of the debate may be not its arguments but the fact that it is taking place.

One can tell a good deal about a society by looking at where it draws the lines in its intellectual and political rhetoric. A Martian visitor might find little interest in the arguments about whether America is on the way up or on the way down, whether the vessel of American power is half empty or half full, but he might attach significance to "national standing" rather than policies being the centre of so loud a debate, and to confidence replacing communism as the defining issue of so much American political talk.

Many Americans believe they have lost the peace before being able to win the spoils of their cold war victory. Despair about apparently intractable health and education questions coexists with democratic triumphalism. All that is left to shout about is a world of ideas in which optimism is virtually an end in itself. Professor Nye is not guilty of that, but he has friends in his blue corner who are.

There is a clear danger here. Fear which leads to better education and health care is clearly a good thing. But there is also that "fear itself", to which a former US president once referred and which can feed and grow like cancer within a nation.

Professor Kennedy does not defend his critics, but he looks askance at their methods and language. He describes how the annals of Edwardian declinism were dotted with exhortations to leadership, fresh purpose and vision; how the end of the British empire was long heralded by cries that such an end could be avoided if only the will was there.

Citing Chesterton, he claims that the very interest in decline means that the nation is sick. To put it another way, the biggest earner in this championship season is saying that he did not intend to write a bestseller, but that his success in doing so must mean that he is right.

For many newspapers which do not carry overnight reviews, it does not matter. But for *The Times*, as the only broadsheet (except the *Financial Times*) which regularly changes its arts pages late at night to take in reviews of that evening's performances, the first night is sacrosanct. Nor will the change please playwrights and directors, who frequently change the details of productions between preview and first night. Simon Gray is known to have been enticed by the presence of critics at the final preview as the Vaudeville became the first London theatre to experiment with the Broadway system.

Michael Codron, who produced *Hidden Laughter* and chaired the meeting between managers and critics, insists that he wants only to make critics' lives easier. "In some ways the last preview has a more genuine audience. First-night audiences can be very receptive, and critics think it's a put-up job." Two newspapers this week availed themselves of the Codron experiment. Others, however, fear that if the practice grows, British first nights will be reduced to their Broadway equivalent, becoming simply an excuse for a party and losing the edge and tension of a genuine opening night.

After the Duchess of York named HMS *Fort Victoria* at Harland and Wolff's shipyard yesterday, the *First Sea Lord*, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, found himself in difficulty when proposing a toast at the ceremonial lunch. "You are a hard act to follow," he said. "I don't normally have trouble with lieutenants' wives."

## Norman fails to conquer

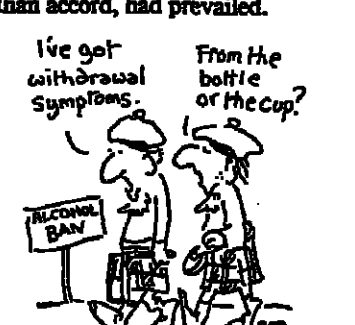
As MPs prepare to debate the remaining stages of the Hong Kong Bill today, cabinet ministers past and present have been paying tribute to Norman Tebbit. To mark his 20th anniversary in Parliament this month, his secretary, Beryl Goldsmith, secretly wrote to 20 colleagues seeking a tribute. Nineteen responded, and the resulting album was presented to him at a party on Monday night. Although she could not be there, Mrs Thatcher clearly does not harbour a grudge over Tebbit's Hong Kong rebellion. In her tribute she wrote: "We have always shared the same political philosophy — the one which has achieved so much for Britain." And in the face of persistent speculation that Tebbit, having given up all hope of succeeding her, will stand down at the next election, Mrs Thatcher appeared to urge him to stay: "You have the courage of a lion. Keep at it. You have many more years yet." In double-edged manner, Lord Joseph wrote: "Politicians make such very good friends."

Tebbit declined to say who refused to contribute, but the Diary can reveal that the letter sent to Edward Heath, whom he once served, went unanswered.

## Hillsborough united

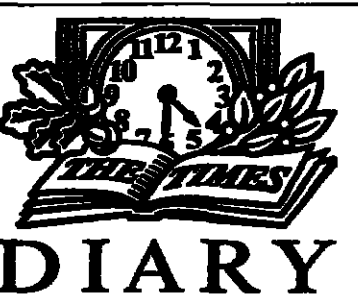
The latest round of Anglo-Irish talks at the Northern Ireland Office in London on Monday night left the journalists collected outside fretting as the evening wore on and deadlines

passed. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Gerry Collins, the Irish foreign minister, seemed to be taking far too long to finalise what aides on both sides had predicted would be the rapid conclusion of agreement on the next phase of the process. Fears of a breakdown subsided in embarrassment when a round when Brooke emerged with the news that he and Collins, to the evident displeasure of their officials, had spent most of the evening watching the Ireland-England World Cup match on television. Even the teams managed to come up with the right score in an auspicious omen for future equanimity in Anglo-Irish relations. At least, that was one interpretation. Another might be that stalemate, rather than accord, had prevailed.



## Mind your manors

Genuine peers of the realm were rejoicing yesterday when the Advertising Standards Authority, after consultation with the College of Arms, placed restrictions on the sale of meaningless "lords of the manor" titles. Those attempting to flog a little bit of gentility will now have to make clear that



buying a lordship of the manor confers no noble status whatsoever, that ownership of the title does not entitle the buyer to display a coat of arms, and the title cannot be entered on the legally relevant page of a British passport. "I'm relieved this has been cleared up," says Lord Teviot, Etonian genealogist and former bus conductor. "There's something really rather sad about people's delusions of grandeur."

## Heritage home

Only a tiny part of Somerset House's hidden glory was revealed last night when the Queen Mother opened the Courtauld Institute Galleries. The rest of London's finest Palladian building continues to house the government offices for which it was built. The incongruity stems from the frustration of architect William Chambers at not being allowed to build a palace for George III. Chambers had tutored the king in architecture when he was Prince of Wales, and had expected great things from the connection. But he was forced to concede defeat in 1774 after designing four versions of Rich-

mond Palace which all met with royal indifference. In the same year, Chambers was further incensed when William Robinson, whom he described as "a clerk in our office, ill qualified", was chosen to design government offices on the site of the old Somerset House, the Queen's dower house. He only got the job when Robinson died suddenly in 1775 — whether in mysterious circumstances is not known — and was able to design what he considered to be his masterpiece.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Courtauld Institute, would now like to see the rest of "the phoenix rising from the ashes" and hopes that Somerset House can in time house the National Trust, the Georgian Society and other, more congruous heritage groups.

## A first non-first

The long-established practice of overnight reviewing of West End first nights has been abandoned by a number of papers only weeks after theatre critics voted overwhelmingly to maintain it. Some notices of Simon Gray's *Hidden Laughter* at the Vaudeville were written last night, but others, masquerading as first-night reviews, are in fact based on Monday night's preview. Last month the Critics' Circle voted by a large margin to preserve the tradition and news value of the first night, but at a subsequent meeting with the Society of West End Theatre the Circle agreed to allow individual theatre managers to experiment for a trial period with preview notices — the Broadway system.

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## ALL CHANGE

The cabinet is expected tomorrow to admit that the private sector has not come forward with true risk capital for a new 68-mile railway from the Channel tunnel to London. Infuriated by private contractors asking the government to underwrite the project, ministers will show the door to the European Rail Link consortium, made up of British Rail, Trafalgar House and BICC. After three years of detailed planning, the whole business is back to square one. It is a fiasco.

The public should note what this does, and does not, mean. Contrary to popular belief, Channel tunnel trains will still reach Waterloo station from Paris in 1993, assuming the tunnel is open then. They will do so on Southern Region track, upgraded with £1.1 billion of profitable public investment. Passengers will arrive at an exciting new terminal, and do so only 30 minutes later than might be the case on high-speed track. They will do so, however, at the expense of considerable delays to commuters and with no fast through service to the north.

The concept of a special track through Kent under London to King's Cross was always ambitious. Kent is not Picardy but a beautiful and densely populated landscape ending in 20 miles of suburb on subsoil uniquely unsuited to tunnelling. Burrowing through to King's Cross would require engineering beyond anything contemplated on Europe's high-speed rail network. Indeed, so costly is tunnelling through south-east London — it defeated the early Tubes — that nobody was ever likely to undertake it except on the basis that the public sector would offer the risk.

In other words, the high-speed link was never just another small business writ large. Like the tunnel itself, it was a huge infrastructure project which would only happen if some guarantee was forthcoming from a prime user (in the tunnel's case, British and French railways). This has proved the case with European Rail Link. The consortium wanted, depending on definition, between £400 million and £1.5 billion of public investment in addition to a claim on the revenues from the other £1.1 billion invested in the existing 1993 link.

Ministers wondered why they should offer such largess to private shareholders, when the

public sector might get the same job done at a lower rate of interest. As experience with the Channel tunnel has shown, there is no magic in private-sector management when it has to cut costs. Public money would merely be thrown at private greed. Why give the City 15 per cent, asked these born-again Whitehall corporatists, when the French railways (backed by guarantee) only need pay Crédit Lyonnais 5 per cent? Small wonder the French get things done.

All this, of course, might have occurred to ministers ten years ago. Yet crude Treasury ideologies were so hostile to public investment in roads, railways, airports and urban renewal that they would use any argument, however flimsy, to stop it. At first they balked at any joint public/private project, then they allowed those such as Eurorail only "at arm's length". Throughout they held that private money was "purer" than public, yielding management of such high calibre as to cancel out the higher cost of borrowing.

The Treasury has learned the hard way that private money is not stupid. While there is every chance of profit on the high-speed link, that profit is uncertain, may be long delayed and may, much of it, be "external" and unquantifiable. This, in other words, is the sort of profit that risk capital dislikes but the public sector exists to undertake. The return, like the investment, is properly public. Sooner or later, the high-speed link will have to be rescued by the public.

This is clearly no longer a matter of ideology. In the Commons yesterday, the prime minister was careful to rule out "colossal subsidies" only to "rail services", as indeed she is required to do by European Community law. The door remains open to public infrastructure investment, witness the millions to upgrade the existing line. In other words, rescue is not inconceivable. The decision to abandon the European Rail Link scheme is right, but the route should be safeguarded, legislation retained and King's Cross redeveloped. The next right decision would be for the government to bang its head against the wall and find the money to keep this important project on course. And a coherent public investment policy would not come amiss.

## MR SHAMIR TO SERVE

Israel has a government at last, though the devil himself might have cause for complaint at the reception accorded yesterday to Yitzhak Shamir. Not that the Israeli prime minister, an old warhorse, would expect to enjoy a honeymoon. The Palestinians seem more belligerent than for several years, the immigration of Soviet Jews will pose logistical and communal problems as difficult as any in the history of the Jewish state; and the inclusion of three small but militant religious parties in the Israeli coalition will inevitably strengthen anti-Zionist forces everywhere. The State Department may have trouble establishing a good working relationship with Israel's new foreign minister, David Levy. Mr Shamir has already been written off by many as a front for his hawkish housing minister, Ariel Sharon.

Yet the prospects for a realistic settlement between Arabs and Jews may even have improved. Pessimism is usually a better basis for compromise than the high hopes that have driven American and European policy in the Middle East over the past decade. Hobbes and Machiavelli have hitherto been better guides to the region than Rousseau or Marx. The triumvirate of Messrs Shamir, Sharon and Levy is more likely than their Labour forerunner, Shimon Peres, to deliver whatever it may promise. This is not because Likud is more honest than Labour, but because the former works on the assumption that Israel should not be expected to behave better than its enemies, if that risks its security.

The risk is real, which means all talk of a lasting settlement is vacuous. The Palestinian insurrection on the West Bank and in Gaza has lately been matched by a seaborne terrorist attack from outside Israel, organised by one of Yasser Arafat's closest associates: Mahmoud Zeidan, alias Abul Abbas. At the same time, the weak government of King Hussein in Jordan has been destabilised by other fellow-travellers of the Palestine Liberation Organis-

ation. Far from restraining men such as Mr Abbas, Syria, Iraq and Libya have encouraged them. For Mr Arafat to come cap in hand to Washington, let alone to Jerusalem, to beg for peace in the present climate would be a suicidal loss of face. On the other hand, to expect Israel, a sovereign state, to sue for terms from a volatile assortment of nationalists dependent on Arab patrons is equally unrealistic.

Does the United States, as Israel's most influential ally by far, have anything useful to contribute to Mr Shamir's latest political enterprise? President Gorbachev apparently believes that he does; he is threatening to switch off the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, now running at about 150,000 a year. There are Americans who would like President Bush to invite many more Soviet Jews to settle in the US, so increasing pressure on Israel.

Such attempts to force Mr Shamir into a corner would be counter-productive in both cases. Soviet immigration has relieved Israelis, for the moment at least, of the paralysing fear of being outnumbered which has deprived them of political creativity since Menachem Begin's response to Anwar Sadat's offer of peace more than a decade ago. There is now less prospect of Jews being outnumbered by Palestinians within the present Israeli borders. Hence it is just possible that an Israeli government might come forward with proposals of its own, instead of reacting warily to "peace plans" devised by George Shultz, James Baker and other avuncular Americans.

Mr Baker would thus do better to sit on his hands, giving Mr Shamir the benefit, not of his advice, but of the doubt. A more self-confident Israel may alarm those who would gladly precipitate the Arab world into a new jihad. True peacemakers will relish the prospect, far off though it may still be, of dialogue between the principals, not the patrons or the proxies, in the Middle East.

## VENICE REPRIEVED

The Italian government's eleventh-hour decision to withdraw Venice from the international competition to host the Expo 2000 world's fair will save the city from damage which should never have been contemplated in the first place. For three years, without seeking parliamentary endorsement, the Italian government has sustained its application to the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), ignoring the opposition of Venice's own mayor and people and the opinions of environmentalists and scholars worldwide.

If the safeguarding of Venice was the "indisputable priority for all Italian institutions" as the prime minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, now claims, it is barely conceivable that the ambitions of Italy's Venetian foreign minister, Signor Gianni De Michelis, and the minister, Signor Gianni De Michelis, and the interests of the business consortium marshalled by his brother, should have prevailed so long. The BIE and its member governments are discredited by their readiness to accept Venice as an unwilling finalist, when Hanover and Toronto were keen to host a world fair and vastly better placed to do so.

If Rome had not withdrawn, diplomatic deals unconnected with the merits of the case might well have forced Expo 2000 on Venice in tomorrow's meeting of the BIE. The British government's refusal, on the ground that the vote was secret, to state its position on Venice has pitted it on the side of an unaccountable diplomatic mafia and provided grounds for suspicion of its motives.

The BIE, set up by the League of Nations in 1928, exists to decide on the siting of four or five world exhibitions each decade, the purpose of which is grandly stated to be

"public education". The usefulness of these mammoth fairs, in an age of instant communication, is open to question, but if countries insist on holding them, there may still be a case for international rules. The BIE is, however, incapable of adjudicating fairly, or enforcing its own regulations.

Decisions are taken by 43 countries, many of which are too small and poor to be in the exhibitions game. Their governments are indifferent to the outcome: such votes are easily bought. The BIE rules are flawed. Before the vote, governments need to submit only the most general outline of their plans, providing details only once they have won. Should they then ignore BIE guidelines, the bureau, staffed by a part-time president, a secretary-general and two secretaries, has no means of policing them, and no sanctions. The Italian consortium could with impunity have abandoned its pledges (which were almost certainly unworkable) to protect Venice from the Expo hordes.

The fate of cities should not again be so cavalierly exposed to political whim or decided without the engagement and assent of those who live and work in them. The BIE's functions could be assumed by the International Labour Office, which includes businessmen and workers' representatives in its membership and is at least capable of enforcing sensible rules. These should include firm environmental criteria and public involvement. The thought that inept junior diplomats could tomorrow, in secret ballot, have doomed Venice to become yet another despoiled provincial town makes the case for the BIE's abolition.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The police, their recruitment, conduct and attitude

From Sir Frederick Lawton  
Sir, The Secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales (June 7) is waiting for a reasoned case that an officer class in the police would bring improvement. Within the limits of a letter I can present him with one based on experience gathered during 51 years of practice in the criminal courts, 25 as a barrister, 26 as a judge.

First, there is the inference to be drawn from the reaction of juries to police evidence during those years. When I started in practice in 1935 most chief constables were retired service officers. Police evidence then and for some years afterwards was seldom challenged and when it was juries usually accepted it.

Nowadays there are no chief constables of this kind and none have been appointed since 1945. These years, however, have seen more and more challenges to police evidence and the acceptance of them by juries. The inference that the change has some connection with the lack of control at the top is shown by what happened in Norfolk in the 1950s. Challenges of police evidence by then had become common in London and the South-east but not in Norfolk where there was an old-style chief constable, a sometime Guards officer.

Second, there is, in my opinion, ample evidence that many chief constables have condoned improper conduct in the investigation of cases. When such conduct has been revealed in the course of a trial no disciplinary action has been taken.

One, of many examples within my own experience, illustrates this. In the 1960s, whilst trying a capital murder case, I ruled inadmissible an alleged oral confession because it had been obtained by a senior detective superintendent in breach of the judges' rules. No disciplinary action was taken.

### Human dimension

From the Chairman of the Minority Rights Group  
Sir, In your leader (June 5) on the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) — you posed an unnecessary choice between concentrating on individual rights and group rights.

The Minority Rights Group, along with other human rights and development agencies, promotes group rights alongside individual rights, not in competition with each other nor one taking priority over the other. We always take the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (on individual rights) as an axiom. However, there are many individual rights that can only be realised or recognised in a group setting.

The freedom of speech and press freedom is of little value, if you cannot use your mother tongue and if minority languages are not used in the media. The freedom to practise Judaism is not a protected right if growing anti-Semitism makes daily life intolerable.

### Slimmer forces

From Mr P. J. Freeman  
Sir, Mr Bruce Finch (June 4) has shown very clearly that the Royal Navy's escort strength is already barely sufficient to support a combined operation of the size needed to recover the Falklands in 1982. He could have added that the leaked proposal to reduce the Royal Navy's escort strength by one third is reminiscent of Sir John Nott's proposals in 1981.

Those conducting the present defence review would do well to remember that the record of their predecessors is hardly one of infallibility.

The Sandys review of 1957 envisaged, amongst other things, the demise of manned fighter planes; the Healey review in 1965

### Safety first

From Mr John Reynolds  
Sir, Your leader's comment of today (June 5) that "the French, in particular, seem to regard the introduction of such sensible safety precautions (seat belts) as a potential violation of human liberty" cannot go unchallenged. It became compulsory to wear belts in the front seats of cars in France long before in England. When I moved to France in 1982, I had to instal belts on the rear seats of the car that I had bought in England.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN REYNOLDS,  
14 Cumberland Court,  
Tonbridge, Kent.

### Palestine question

From Mr Jon Kimche  
Sir, I find the foreign secretary's recent finger-wagging at Israel, especially when addressing appreciative audiences in Jordan and Saudi Arabia, somewhat puzzling. Mr Hurd appeared to be particularly concerned that "Israel should be more willing to negotiate". He did not specify with whom or about what, but presumably, he meant the Palestinians and their future. He is, we know, well-informed about them by an able team of knowledgeable officials and by their many and exceptional sources of information.

Mr Hurd, therefore, has no reason for not being aware of the PLO's pre-conditions for negotiating "a settlement of the Palestinian question". These were approved by the PLO's 19th National Council, its supreme policy-making body, and confirmed by three subsequent "summit" meetings of Arab heads of state, the latest at the Baghdad

against him. The reason for this is not, as has been suggested, problems of the burden of proof but probably human weakness.

It must be difficult for chief constables who have risen through the ranks to discipline officers for conduct of which they themselves may have been guilty in the past or they have known their colleagues to have committed without their dissent.

Retired service officers would have no such inhibitions. Those of middle rank and above would have had lots of experience of undertaking new and disparate responsibilities.

Yours truly,  
FREDERICK LAWTON,  
1 The Village,  
Skelton, York.  
June 7.

### From Mr J. A. Cowling

Sir, I would like to add to what Trevor Hewitt had to say about military/police concepts, having served in both the Army for nine years as a corporal and the Metropolitan Police for two years. Ironically, when one is of lowly rank one is unable to comment on such matters without the risk of being labelled facetious or being locked up. However, as I am now free of both disciplines and having seen active service with Com-mando forces, patrolled the streets of Battersea and been in the front line at the Southall riots let me have my say.

Mr Hewitt is absolutely right as far as he goes in general terms. In situations of extreme violence or threat of violence I found that often the police officer was sadly lacking.

I will use the Southall riots as an example. Whereas a military unit would have stood its ground and acted under orders as a squad, thereby maintaining a chain of command essential in a potentially disorientating situation, police officers at Southall were

getting mixed up with other, strange, units and at the first provocation acting as individuals and spending hours queuing up to have their prisoners charged.

Result: confusion, loss of manpower, personal anger, over-reaction, loss of cohesion and chain of command. A trained soldier who may be used to being shot at is certainly not going to take it personally when an irate citizen lobs a brick at him. I was distressed to see officers going forward on their own accord, pulling off turbans — a dreadful insult — and punching their prisoners as they dragged them off.

There is certainly room in the police for military experience, especially in riots and situations involving fire-arms. I feel sure that some of the mistakes with weapons are due to officers not being psychologically familiar with fire-arm and "high bottle" situations. They over-react through fear. They must learn when to act as individuals and when to work as a team. Maybe there is room for military advisers in training and, possibly, in command in this area.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A. COWLING,  
123 Robert Street,  
Milford Haven, Dyfed.  
June 7.

### From Mr Michael Wooley

Sir, The question is not should there be an officer class in the police force, but whether the quality of intake is such as to provide a source of enlightened and dynamic leadership in the future.

Is the police force in fact obtaining its share of the limited talent available, or is it going mainly into other fields?

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL WOOLEY,  
5 Robin Hill Drive,  
Camberley, Surrey.  
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### Back pain practice

From the Chairman of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy  
Sir, Your report about a call for alternative treatment for low back pain ("Alternative back pain treatment promoted", later editions, June 1) was a less than scrupulous account of seriously flawed research.

The only possible conclusion that can be drawn from the research is that manipulation can be an effective treatment for back pain, yet physiotherapists in the NHS and private practice have known this and been using it for years. It is, therefore, nonsense to suggest that chiropractic should be introduced into the NHS — at a huge cost to either patient or taxpayer — when hundreds of physiotherapists already use manipulation to treat back pain.

The big difference is that physiotherapists are able to use a wide range of treatments and not just one, so they know when manipulation could be dangerous.

Physiotherapists want to see more research into the treatment of back pain, but it really should compare like with like, and examine all the factors that effect treatment.

Yours faithfully,  
JOYCE WISE, Chairman,  
Chartered Society of  
Physiotherapy,  
14 Bedford Row, WC1.  
June 4.

### Contacts with Tibet

From Sir Algernon Rumbold  
Sir, Mr Waldegrave, as Minister of State at the Foreign Office, properly and justifiably detailed, in his article which you printed on June 8, the contacts which British ministers and their officers had with dissidents in central and eastern Europe before Communist regimes there collapsed.

But the Foreign Office have hitherto refused all contact, however informal, with the Dalai Lama or his officers, despite the virtually universal support His Holiness has from Tibetans whether they live inside or outside Tibet.

If Mr Waldegrave applied to the Dalai Lama the practice towards dissidents in which he claims pride, he could learn how the Chinese treat dependent peoples and the limited value of a treaty with them.

Yours faithfully,  
ALGERNON RUMBOLD  
(President, Tibet Society  
of the UK, 1977-88),  
Shortwood,  
West Clandon, Surrey.  
June 8.

ensure Israeli compliance. There would be no bilateral negotiations with Israel and no formal peace would be concluded.

Would Mr Hurd engage in "peace negotiations" with the PLO — or for that matter, with the IRA — under such conditions?

Yours faithfully,  
JON KIMCHE,  
Camille Lodge,  
Westhumble, Surrey.

From Dr Frances Rust  
Sir, If the Palestinian reprisal attack on May 30 had succeeded, Nizzanim beach would have been littered with scores of dead and dying Israeli civilians, of whom half could safely have been predicted as in favour of "Peace for land" talks. Israel is in the dog-house, we know. Is that any reason for your paper twice to describe these terrorists, these would-be murderers, as "commandos"?

Yours faithfully,  
F. M. RUST,  
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29 Southwood Lawn Road, N6.

### Reassurance on Globe site

From Mr Harvey Sheldon  
Sir, Professor Gurr's fears for the Globe Theatre's remains (June 6) are unfounded. During trial excavations to determine their state of survival, the Museum of London found a small fragment of the theatre and provisionally estimated its diameter at 80 feet.

The scheduling of an area 120 feet in diameter therefore allows for a considerable error making it reasonably certain that the Globe is fully contained within the protected area accepted by the Department of the Environment as the best estimate which could currently be made.

Hanson plc acted responsibly by asking the museum to ascertain the Globe's survival, by requesting that the remains be scheduled, and by seeking more details of its full extent through the radar survey.

If Professor Gurr has "reason to doubt the accuracy" of our estimate, perhaps he should make his information available to the Department of the Environment so that any necessary amendment to the scheduled area can be made without delay.

Yours faithfully,  
HARVEY SHELDON  
(Archaeology officer,  
Department of Greater  
London Archaeology),  
The Museum of London,  
London Wall, EC2.  
June 7.

### BBC Japanese cuts

From Mr Lawrence Breen  
Sir, There are aspects of the planned closure of the BBC's Japanese service (report, May 30) — apart from regret over the cessation of the broadcasts themselves — which have not been remarked upon by any of those whose comments have been sought.

For at least 25 years, the service has been manned by a succession of highly qualified personnel on secondment to the BBC from most of the leading Japanese broadcasting organisations. On completing their assignments in Britain, they return home to take up senior posts with their own organisations.

All over Japan there has grown up a cadre of highly-placed and influential media personnel who are knowledgeable about and sympathetic towards this country. This potentially valuable asset to Britain will cease to be replenished when the service closes early next year.

Within the BBC itself, the closure of the service will also mean the disappearance of a unique and irreplaceable source of expert knowledge and advice about Japan.

While one recognizes that in this particular case the savings effected by the closure of the service are being redeployed elsewhere in the World Service, it seems regrettable that, for the sake of a comparatively paltry sum, we should abolish what could continue to be an invaluable British asset in our dealings with the world's second largest economic power.

Yours sincerely,  
LAWRENCE BREEN  
(Head, Far East service,  
BBC, 1977-84),  
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Furley,  
Surrey.  
June 1.

### Naming the train

From Mr Andy Fidler  
Sir, As the Government seems determined that the private sector alone should finance the Channel tunnel train, surely the right to name it should be auctioned.

Yours faithfully,  
ANDY FIDLER,  
30 York Road,  
Freemantle,  
Southampton, Hampshire.

### From Mr Robert Wynn

Sir, How about the Sprite? As an anagram of spirit, it'll send most of its life underground (the whole idea of a one financial fair-tale anyway), and, especially in view of the Belgian connection, for its journey to Brussels we can easily re-name it the Sprout.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT WYNN,  
6 Elms Avenue,  
Muswell Hill, N10.

### From Mr Patrick Goodison

Sir, Two suggestions for a name for the Channel tunnel train: Chateau-neau Choo Choo; Fuse.

The latter stands for Fast Under Sea Express, and the word fuse has a nice connotation of joining the UK to the Continent.

Yours faithfully,  
PATRICK GOODISON,  
11 Hammersmith Terrace, W6.

### From Mr Eldon E. Sandys

Sir, I think the Channel tunnel train should be called "SubSeaDise".

Yours faithfully,  
ELDON SANDYS,  
16 Redcourt, Forest Road,  
Pyrford,  
Woking, Surrey.

### From Mr M. C. Whear

Sir, Surely it should be called OLOP — the hole that cost a mint?

Yours faithfully,  
MIKE WHEAR,  
The Old Chapel,  
Barrington, Cambridge.











# A hawk lands in the dovecote

Will the daughter of a prominent right-wing American family lead the British CND?

Alexandra King investigates

Marjorie Thompson, scion of one of America's most "hawkish" families, is an unlikely contender for the leadership of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Her mother was a campaign coordinator for Ronald Reagan's gubernatorial election in California and dragged young Marjorie, now aged 33, to rallies for the Republican senator Barry Goldwater in the 1960s. Her father, a surgeon, is a member of the right-wing John Birch Society; her brother is an employee of the US Department of Defence. Her grandfather was a Republican candidate, and she has been a Republican senator's assistant in Washington DC (where it was suggested she might like to run for Congress).

She voted for Ronald Reagan in the 1976 American primary elections, she is now ashamed to admit. It was assumed that after her expensive education at a private college in Colorado she would follow in her mother's footsteps — and she has. But in a completely different direction.

The woman who admits she thought in terms of nuclear retaliation for the storming of the American Embassy in Iran now refuses even to use words such as "thrilling" because of their aggressive overtones.

It was coming to Britain in the 1970s to study at the London School of Economics, where she met and married a British academic who was a member of the radical Glasgow Media Group, that completely altered her trajectory. (She remains convinced their marriage broke up partly because of "the pressures of Thatcherism..."). She went to work on the Holy Loch nuclear missile base, selling academic courses for American servicemen, and there she saw the light. "I was shocked at the Nato bases in Britain," she says. "I saw people who had been drinking handling Poseidon warheads and nuclear submarines loading much more than they would legally be allowed to in the United States. And it was shocking to see the contemptuous way the natives were being treated by what seemed to be an occupying force."

She recalls that a rally of Scottish CND had to be held in a muddy field because the stadium at Dunoon was being used for an Easter egg hunt for officers' wives. At first, some of her colleagues in CND were suspicious about her motives: "They thought I was a CIA plant." She says she has learnt a lot from her training behind "enemy lines" of the right-wing establishment. "The reactionary



The elegant argument: Marjorie Thompson says she was shocked at the contemptuous way the local people were treated at Holy Loch

Senator Jesse Helms was doing direct mailings 25 years ago saying 'send \$10 if you want to stop communism'. Now we are using the same methods to drum up support for the CND."

Ms Thompson also works as parliamentary lobbyist for the Royal College of Nursing, and she says that she is struck every day by the amount of money "frittered away" on the military which could better be spent on health care. She has a salary in excess of £20,000 but she will happily cut that to become CND leader (it is an unpaid post, with only expenses).

Dressing in a sophisticated, "preppy" style her mother would be proud of, Ms Thompson appears to be the antithesis of the popular image of the dishevelled, homespun Greenham woman. No "ban the bomb" button mars the symmetry of her smart suit.

"The image of the Greenham Common woman was a media caricature," she says scornfully. Although she spent some time with the women, she feels that it is shortsighted to campaign against specific types of weapon, such as cruise missiles, when "we need to look up the missiles with the conduct of policy."

She feels that her appearance and background in many ways prevent her from being trivialised in the way the Greenham women were — but the tabloids had a field day when, as

they put it, "fiery Welsh nationalist party president Dafydd Elis Thomas fell for gorgeous Greenham Common girl Marjorie Thompson" and set up a "love nest" with her "just around the corner from the home he shared with his wife Elen and their three sons".

She says she is prepared to give up the leadership of CND, should she acquire it, to help her "partner" in his attempt to become a Euro-MP in 1994. Would Mr Thomas ever give up his job to help her? "Oh no," she says quickly, "he couldn't. He's got family commitments."

The CND will hold its leadership election in November to replace Bruce Kent, who hopes to join Joan Ruddock, a former CND chairman, in the Labour party mainstream. Nominations do not close until August 27, but likely contenders are her fellow chairman of the organisation, Bob Cole, aged 43, a former Communist party member notable for once chaining himself to a flask of nuclear waste, and Air Commodore Alastair Mackie, aged 67, a former RAF adviser on nuclear strategy who retired early in protest at nuclear policy.

"Both my opponents are strong in their different ways," Ms Thompson acknowledges, "but we differ in tactics. I would like to put the removal of Nato/US bases on the top of my agenda, whereas perhaps they wouldn't." She considers her strength lies in being a "team

player", rather than a worker behind the scenes and does not think that being American will work against her. "The skill I brought to the CND is the skill of motivating people. Maybe that is a legacy of being an American. No movement is successful without its young people. At the moment the average age of CND officers is 51. Other officers have not seen the need to act as a cheerleader."

Ms Thompson believes that the "peace dividend" is already apparent in her native country, while in her adopted one a growing proportion of the budget is still devoted to military matters.

Neither Ms Thompson nor the CND favour disarmament without defence. "That was all part of the smear campaign against us back in the 1983 election. We are not suicidal. We want 'defensible defence', and Britain's anti-tank and anti-submarine technology is the best in the world."

She would applaud the affiliation of Nato and Warsaw Pact countries and accepts the need for an international security forum and for the development of arms control technology. "We should put more money into the bodies that are meant to police arms control, such as the International Atomic Energy Authority," she says.

Much of Ms Thompson's paci-

fism stemmed from her belief that "the Russians were not the monsters we in the United States were brainwashed into believing". Coming to Britain helped her to discover the extent of her "brainwashing".

On June 30 the CND will hold a conference at the City University, London, intended to show "how distorted the economy has become and what could be accomplished if some of the military budget was redeployed". In July Ms Thompson will spearhead a demonstration on the Mall to protest against the Nato summit being held in London and chair an international conference on nuclear proliferation.

CND claims 65,000 members in England, and perhaps 13,000 more from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Membership dropped considerably after glasnost and arms limitation treaties, but Ms Thompson says that at times of uncertainty, such as the Chernobyl disaster and the scares over leukaemia, the organisation's switchboard is jammed.

"We have been very closely tied to the Labour party, but we have to become less afraid to set the political agenda. Because we are not trying to get elected we can think the unthinkable, say the unsayable."

Ms Thompson is particularly adept at that. But her adversaries outside the CND will continue to argue that it takes power, not propaganda, to win a war.

## It takes three to start an affair

How can a couple sign a contract to be faithful for the rest of their lives when they do not know the hidden clauses?

Susan Quilliam used to believe that affairs were as unpredictable as lightning strikes — and equally uncontrollable.

Three years spent researching the subject has changed all that. In the resulting book, *The Eternal Triangle*, Ms Quilliam concludes that affairs have "their own traceable development, maintenance and resolution" in which all three participants play an active part.

"The potential for an affair is there in any relationship, it is built in from the start," says Ms Quilliam, a psychologist and counsellor. "It is commonly held that those who have the affair are those who create it. But the triangle does not consist of two guilty lovers and their victims: all three people involved, whether they are aware of it or not, create what happens."

The reason for this, she says, is that at the heart of any affair lie the emotional contracts on which all relationships are based. Contracts which themselves are based on agendas about what we need and what we are aiming for. "One person might believe that staying faithful was essential and that an affair would lead to the end of the marriage. Another might be prepared to accept the idea of affairs, so long as their partner was going to stay with them for life."

"We all have agreements about such things, or we think we do. When the understanding of the hidden contract differs from one person to another, then there will be problems."

Hidden contracts can — and do — cover much more than the question of sexual fidelity and they can change with circumstances. "That explains why so many partnerships wobble at just the point when the agendas they were set up to meet are met. When the children grow up, when one business flourishes, when one or other partner grows through the insecurity that drew them into the relationship in the first place, then suddenly an affair begins — or ends."

But the introduction of a third person and a third contract is likely to complicate matters even further. "Occasionally, three people will engineer a situation where they are all getting what they want: A gets an affair for variety and a partnership for security; B wants A to stay put but doesn't mind if he/she wants to enjoy themselves outside the primary relationship; C wants excitement but not commitment."

Most affairs are not this straightforward. Neither are Ms Quilliam's explanations. "If you know what you want, but in reality it is only what

you think you want, then you have an unconscious agenda," she says. "Since you haven't recognised this, you may agree to do something and then mysteriously find yourself disliking or sabotaging it. At the same time your real emotions will be picked up by others, creating spirals that are even more upsetting because you have no idea why they are happening."

This is where the complications really start: in many triangles contracts will not only be hidden but also conflicting. If one party views an affair as nothing more than a fling, the other hopes for long-term commitment and the third sees it as a disastrous betrayal, then all needs will fail to be met.

Naturally, when the hidden contracts conflict, the results are rarely predictable. Ms Quilliam resists generalisations: "Sex may have been the trigger for the affair, just as sexual attraction may have been the starting point for the primary relationship, but emotions will be the turning point."

"A jealous husband can make a wife feel guilty. When she meets her lover this guilt may make her feel angry with him, herself, the situation. Perhaps the lover will respond with concern and affection. The wife may then

go back to her husband resentful that he is not as considerate as her lover and the husband may become even more jealous. Because feelings are complex we can never make a blanket prediction as to what effect they will have. But it seems as if it is the strength of emotions which determines whether people stay or go."

If all this sounds like an invitation to remain in the deep, deep peace of the double bed, Ms Quilliam says she doubts that the attraction of the affair will wane. "I was surprised, for instance, at how little impact Aids appears to have had," she said. "Very few of those I interviewed for the book mentioned it. There seems to be a belief that you can't get Aids if you are in love."

"Things have changed in that we are now more aware that there are times when personal gratification has to give way to personal moral belief. Most people who get involved in affairs do think long and hard. They try to balance other people's needs as well as their own, but at the same time they are no longer prepared to stick together whatever happens. We all have to worry about our own emotional survival and most people, when push comes to shove, will do just that."

LEE RODWELL  
● *The Eternal Triangle* is published by Pan on Friday.  
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### The potential for an affair is built in right from the start

## & BRIEFLY

### Best of British

ILLUSTRATED and regularly updated, *The Art of Living Handbook*, offers a guide to some of the best of British decorators, engravers, silversmiths, embroiderers, stonemasons, stencillers and textile designers. Fifteen of them will demonstrate their skills at the Victoria & Albert Museum tomorrow from 10.30am to 4pm. The book, a loose-leaf binder designed for continual updating, is available from *The Art of Living* — 11 Kensington Park Mews, London W11 2EY (071-738 2344) — for £29.95 plus £3.50 p.p. It can also be found at the V&A, Harrods and branches of Waterstones and Sherratt & Hughes. The price includes 18 months' worth of six-monthly updates, additional sections are extra.

### Bear necessities

ARCTOPHILES will rejoice at the inception of the quarterly *Teddy Bear Times*, coyly billed as "the bear essential" magazine. Edited by Sue Cleeve, a teddy fanatic, and published by Ashdown Publishing, Shelley House, 104 Figh Street, Steyning, West Sussex BN4 3RD (0903 815622), an annual subscription costs £15 a year. This may seem pricey, but bear fans can probably afford it: after all, the record price for a teddy is £55,000, paid at Sotheby's auction last September. The magazine is filled with advertisements from and for bear-sellers and there are invitations to subscribers to share their own bear stories.

### Royal scents

REPORTS that the Princess of Wales and Duchess of York use Daniele Ryman's aromatherapy products prompted an eager press release from Nature's Best, which distributes the tonics, bath essences and body oils apparently singled out for Royal approval. The body oil (£9.95), bath essence (£7.50) and cellulite oil (£14.95) are available by mail order only from Nature's Best, PO Box 1, Tunbridge Wells,

TN2 3EQ (0892 34143). For orders under £10 add £1 p.p.

### Back to school

SCHOOLS haven't even broken up for the summer yet, but Marks & Spencer says its new back-to-school autumn range is being snapped up, and that parents might be wise to do their shopping while the sun shines. Best fashion value are the new wadded parkas with warm plaid lining for boys (from £37.50) and raincoats for girls (from £27.50).

### Keeping cool

TWO new ways of keeping drinks cool in summer are the Sports Pal Radio Cool Box for £26.95 in the new "Selfridge Selection" summer catalogue (orders on 0800-101 101), and the Multi-Cooler for £19.95, including post and packing, from Fern Marketing, Unit 3, Beddington Farm Road, Croydon CRO 4XB (081-684 1324). The first is actually an AM radio with attached coolbox that will keep four small bottles or cans cool for up to 13 hours, while the Multi-Cooler has room for a large bottle or jug and four glasses.

### Book value

LONDON'S first antique books roadshow will be held at the Hotel Russell in conjunction with the Antiquarian and Secondhand Book Fair, said to be the largest in the world. The roadshow offers a rare opportunity to have books valued by specialists in children's books, travel, modern first editions, 18th and 19th century literature and art and general antiquarian books. Admission is free. The book fair runs from Friday to Monday (2pm-7pm Friday and Sunday and 10.30am-7pm Saturday and Monday). The roadshow will take place on the Saturday and Monday.

### Ethnic craft

BASKETWARE from Botswana, carpets from the Zapotec Indians of Mexico and silver jewellery from Thailand will be on view and for sale at the Ends of the Earth exhibition from Saturday until June 27, from 10am-6pm (including Sunday) at the Highgate Literary Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, London N6.

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DANCE

# Heeling power of dance

Flamenco attracts an ever-growing audience, yet remains a mysterious art. Ellen Cranitch outlines the origins and essentials, previewing a London visit by an outstanding company

The land of the conquistadores has not done with conquering yet. For the third year running, the fiery Spanish gypsy ensemble, Cumbre Flamenco, is poised to win over audiences at Sadler's Wells Theatre.

Cumbre Flamenco means the "peak" of flamenco. Formed by the Spanish ministry of culture in 1983 to nurture and preserve the flamenco art, the ensemble is actually a collection of highly acclaimed solo artists rather than a regular troupe. The artists range in age from Juana Tobala and Juana Amaya, at 21 the youngest members, to the matriarchal and majestic La Chana, who refuses to retire her age but says it is many years since she broke up the kitchen floor of her home, learning to dance.

Our preconceived notions of flamenco are the result of a wild collision of images. These include wine-soaked memories of glitzy Spanish cabarets on the Costa del Sol; the sultry intensity of Carlos Saura's films, *Blood Wedding* and *Carmen*; and that tourist icon, the flamenco doll, resplendent in its layers of cascading lace.

Few know about flamenco's proud and turbulent history, though you can detect hints of it in the mournful and blood-curdling strains of flamenco singing: *cante jondo*.

Like jazz, flamenco arose as the

expression of a minority culture and a repressed people. The most likely derivation of the term is from two Arabic words meaning "fugitive peasant". During the years of the Spanish Inquisition, three races co-existed in Andalusia: the gypsies, who had migrated from India through northern Africa to the south of Spain, the Moors whose highly sophisticated culture had been swept from power with the sacking of Granada in 1492, and the Sephardic Jews. These peoples had virtually nothing in common except their oppressors — the Roman Catholic monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella.

The gypsies, Moors and Jews fled to remote hillside retreats in Andalusia. It was through this mingling of persecuted minorities that flamenco was born, when the gypsies adopted and transformed the Moorish courtly music and dance. It is impossible to be sure precisely where in the mountainous landscape of southern Spain flamenco originated. Everything known about the early history of flamenco is dependent on oral accounts.

It was not until the 1850s that an upsurge of interest in the gypsy culture brought with it the first attempts to document the history of flamenco. To this day, whichever town you visit in Andalusia, be it Granada or Cadiz or Puerto Real, it is certain to contain a

charismatic señor who will swear to you that his town is, indubitably, the cradle of flamenco.

After the 1850s the development of flamenco is clear, from the local glory it attracted in the European *cafés chantants*, to its universal recognition as an art, largely through the influence of the great Sevillian dancer Antonio, who brought flamenco into the theatre and so to a wider audience.

Flamenco's Eastern roots have long been recognised, particularly the affinities it bears to Indian Kathak dance. The curved back — which is the postural prerequisite of the flamenco dancer — reflects Asian rather than Western dance forms.

resembles the Indian "mudra" (hand gestures). And the impulse in flamenco footwork is down into the ground, not springing up from it in the style of Western dance.

Mari Carmen Garcia, assistant director of the company, is proud of the current troupe: "These dancers are Spain's finest artists; volatile, individual. Each has a contrasting flamenco style. Once you have mastered the basic technique, such as the *zapateado* [the footwork], flamenco is all about individual artistry."

She explains that the excitement of flamenco derives from the tension between the formal precision of the movements and the dancer's own interpretative ge-

nies. No degree of technical skill will move an audience if the dancers lack *duende*, which is the inspiring force that possesses them in performance and enables them to surpass themselves.

It is a difficult word to define. Lora said that to know it, you had to have been "touched by the wings of the Angel of Death". For Garcia, it is a less ethereal concept. She still remembers the time that company member Cristobal Reyes, performing in India, grew so inspired he danced right off the stage and into a brick wall.

Some aficionados claim that true flamenco cannot be performed on a proscenium stage before a large seated audience. Pointing to its origins, they insist that it should erupt spontaneously in a more intimate arena.

But a traditional art will die if it remains unaltered. It must develop so that it continues to appeal to new generations. The subjects of the songs and dancing technique are evolving, just as the performance context has changed. It does not mean the integrity of the art has been compromised.

Garcia is adamant that in Cumbre's performances, the essential flamenco spirit remains intact.

● Cumbre Flamenco can be seen at Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London WC1 (071-278 8916) from June 19 to July 7.



Cristobal Reyes: His involvement in the dance is total

TELEVISION

## No reason to play it down

A HOLLYWOOD film-producer on *The Late Show* (BBC 2) last night, using a phrase which seemed to cause him no shivers, said: "When we were doing the Holocaust, schoolchildren in America were asked what they thought the word meant. Forty per cent thought Holocaust was some kind of Jewish holiday."

If true, the statistic alone is justification for the concentration camp scenes of *War and Remembrance* (ITV), where only Sir John Gielgud brings dignity and some purpose to the shock-horror of what may well prove, after its low viewing figures in the US, to be the last of the international mega-budget mini-series. But, immediately after last night's instalment, Saskia Baron followed it on BBC 2 with a survey of two new Holocaust movies and the changing attitudes of film-makers towards wartime atrocities.

Like the old *Late Night Line Up* on BBC 2, *The Late Show*, in the same slot 20 years on, has often been justified its arts remit when picking up a television issue of the night. By following *War and Remembrance* with clips from the first-ever film made on location at Auschwitz as early as 1948 by a Polish survivor, the Baron documentary established the continuity of the issue.

Another Hollywood producer talked of "the Auschwitz facility" as though it were just one more foreign location. In the next fortnight two new American wide-screen films open here — one filmed in the camp (*Triumph of the Spirit*, about the Jewish boxer, Salom Arouch), and the Costa-Gavras *Music Box*, about the Chicago trial of a naturalised US Hungarian, accused of war crimes and defended by his daughter.

Can Auschwitz ever be a suitable background for screen entertainment, and if so, how much of it should be shown? Costa-Gavras in *Music Box* deliberately avoids scenes set in the camp: other producers and directors seem to find it necessary to keep the cameras turning in the chambers, and the moral debate is therefore still about show-business ethics.

In *Portraits of Change* (Channel 4), Judy Jackson told the story of two women whose domestic tragedies have turned them into political activists. In Brazil, Regina Gordio saw her son murdered by military police for no apparent reason. She fought her way through to become the first female leader of the Rio city council, though the old mafia there ousted her after a few months. All the same, she made a powerful stand for justice. In the Philippines, a former beauty queen whose husband was taken as a political prisoner retaliated by organising that nation's first female protest group. First, that is, unless you count Cory Aquino herself.

In both these military states, the women were faced first by soldiers with guns and then by appalled politicians. "As a dentist and a doctor," said one of the male Rio councillors in a Pythonesque piece to camera, "I have to announce that Regina is now totally insane." By which he seemed to mean that she was now in control and trying to change the rules of his council, where small children had ritually been elected to office so that the fathers could pocket their salaries.

A few months ago, Regina was voted off the council, while her fight goes on. Rio goes back to its old ways. Meanwhile, in the Philippines, Nelia Sancho finds as much harassment under the supposedly liberal Aquino regime as under that of the old Marcos dictatorship. Her determination to fight on for women's rights is what she has in common with Regina. At the moment it is about all they have.

GHISLAINE BODDINGTON

SHERIDAN MORLEY

## Covent Garden plays a new trump card

John Percival reports the unexpected signing by the Royal Ballet of Irek Mukhamedov, the undoubted male star of the Bolshoi



Mukhamedov: Bolshoi star, now with the Royal Ballet

Irek Mukhamedov, the Bolshoi Ballet's biggest star, has resigned from that company and signed a contract as a full-time member of the Royal Ballet. He took class with his new company in London yesterday and has started discussions with the choreographers Kenneth MacMillan and David Bintley about possible roles. It is not yet decided which of the ballerinas he will partner; that will depend on how things go when they are working side by side in the studio.

Mukhamedov had already been announced for guest performances at Covent Garden in the autumn, dancing both *La Bayadere* and *The Nutcracker*, but there will now be an urgent attempt to fit him into the programmes already set between now and August.

Anthony Dowell, the director of the Royal Ballet, said yesterday: "I am terribly excited by Irek's decision to join us, because I have admired his dancing enormously since I saw him with the Bolshoi in 1986."

"He is what I would describe as a powerhouse dancer, very physical and forceful. But what is fascinating for us is that he is obviously hungry for a different style, and keen to take on new roles in our repertoire."

Mukhamedov is the second international star to join the Royal Ballet within two years, following Sylvie Guillem's arrival. In addition,

the Moscow company and its leader, Yuri Grigorovich. There were anxious enquiries during this week, when Mukhamedov failed to return from some guest performances in Vienna.

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highly serious artist, entirely committed to his work, he had wanted to extend his range. Within the Bolshoi he also played the leads in two of the old classic ballets, *Giselle* and *Raymonda*. On visits to companies in the West he has added *The Sleeping Beauty* to his repertoire, and last month he performed Balanchine's *Apollo*.

No doubt his distinctive style will cause controversy when he begins to dance the Royal Ballet's repertoire, just as happened with Guillem. But it is equally clear that his imposing presence, magnetic personality, intense acting and powerful technique will bring in the crowds and delight most audiences. Bringing him to London is a tremendous triumph for the Royal Ballet management.

### CRITICS' CHOICE: OPERA AND DANCE

OPERA

LONDON

**LA CLEMENZA DI TITO:** Rushed the composition may have been, but there is some superb music in Mozart's last opera. This production by the Guildhall School's Opera Department is staged by Paul Maloney and conducted by Clive Timms. Guildhall School Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 1811), tonight and Fri, 7pm; gala performance Mon, 7.30pm, £7.

**LA CLEMENZA DI TITO:** Thoughtfully alternated with the Guildhall's performances, these by John Eliot Gardiner's period forces have the unarguable advantage of a strong cast headed by Anne Sofie von Otter and Anthony Rolfs Johnson, also to be based in *Il Trovatore*. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (081 928 8800), tomorrow and Sat (Clemenza), 7.45pm Tues (Trovatore), 7pm, £9-£39.

**WALL/ALBERGO EMPEDOCLES:** Paul Barker has already scored several successes with his Modern Music Theatre Troupe. This year he presents a promising double-bill of his own works. The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-836 0008), tomorrow and Sat, 8pm, £9.50.

**WEILL MUSIC THEATRE:** Kurt Weill's French musical *Maria Galante*, given in a triple-bill with *War Play*, a concert sequence devised by David Drew from the anti-war "fable" *Johnny Johnson*, and *Cry, the Beloved Country*, a sequence based on Alan Paton's anti-apartheid novel, from *Levi in the Stars*. Union Chapel, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-358 4404), tomorrow and Sat, 7.30pm, £9.50.

**THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN:** Bill Bryden's production and William Dudley's designs breathtakingly catch the spirit of Janáček's score. Simon Rattle does full justice to its fleetly lyrical. Lillian Watson and Thomas Allen lead the cast. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), Fri and Tues, 8pm, £2.50-£22.

**EUROPERAS 3 AND 4:** World premiere of John Cage's answer to the European operatic heritage: "The Europeans have been sending Americans their operas for the past 150 years and now I'm sending them back!" Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-358 4404), Sun and Tues, 7.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

**OUTSIDE LONDON**  
**TORNRAK:** John McEneaney's new opera (libretto by Michael Wilcock) sets the spiritual animal culture of the Inuit (Eskimos) against the rigid social conventions of Victorian Britain; powerfully staged by Mike Ashman. Welsh National Opera, Hippodrome, Birmingham (021-622 7486), tonight, 7.15pm, £9.50-£26.

**THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO** (Mozart). The resourceful Pimpino Opera, under its music director, Waef Kani, have a habit of catching stars on the way up. Catch them this week in Oxford or London. Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (0865 727855), Fri, 7.30pm, £4 (students), £20. St John's, Smith Square, London (071-222 2779), Mon, 7pm, £5-£12.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE

**KIROV BALLET:** Classics in two cities. Swan Lake in London tonight until Saturday, then a week of *The Sleeping Beauty*.

**Beauty**, starting Monday. By bringing extra dancers from Leningrad and sharing out the soloists, the company also dances *Giselle* Monday to Thursday, to open a week in Manchester.

**London Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-638 1811), even 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm, £9.50-£25. **Palace**, Manchester (061 236 9922), even, 7.30pm, £9.50-£26.50.

**DANCE INTO GLASGOW:** International season continues with London Contemporary Dance Theatre in two programmes of recent productions (tonight-Sat), then begins a week of Netherlands Dance Theatre 2 with works by Hans van Manen, Jin Kylan and others (Tues, Wed).

**THEATRE ROYAL, GLASGOW** (041 331 1234), 7.30pm, £3.50-£10.50  
**GISELLE:** Christopher Gable's unusual production for Northern Ballet Theatre guest stars Trinidad Savillano and Patrick Armand dance Thursday and Saturday evenings.

**Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071 278 8916) tonight Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £4-£16.

**EARTH:** New piece by Kristina de Châtel for her dance group. Tramway, Glasgow (041 227 5511), Fri, Sat, 8pm, £5.

**ROMEO AND JULIET:** Ravenna Tucker and Bruce Sansom in the Royal Ballet's production. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), Sat, 7.30pm, £1-£41.

**LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet opens its last week as a visiting company in Birmingham before moving its base there. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7480), Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, £7-£19.50, mat Tues, 2pm, £7-£10.

JOHN PERCIVAL

PERFORMANCE ART

**GOAT ISLAND:** We Got a Date. Young Chicago-based performance collective, with an interesting appeal for those who have wondered about the influence of the Wooster Group on the next generation of American performers. Rigorous movement patterns, gruelling performance tasks, autobiographical text and film tableaux combine to examine the hypocrisies of morality and power structures. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight-Sat, 8pm, £5 (25) plus £1 day pass.

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## REVIEWS

## Corneille oddly undermined

THEATRE  
The Illusion  
Old Vic

THIS is the second time in six months the Old Vic has reminded us that Corneille was not only a tragedian, author of *Le Cid*. *The Illusion* is, however, less likely to win him latter-day friends than *The Liar*, and not just because it is a less amusing, less accessible play. Richard Jones's production seems more intent on abstracting its ideas than on bringing out its humanity and humour.

Admittedly, one might sometimes mistake Corneille for Pirandello. An old man comes for news of his estranged son to a warlock in this production at the Old Vic an androgynous figure, part Prospero and part vaudeville magician, who carries a staff, wears purple velvet, and inhabits what seems to be the pupil of an enormous eye. Before long they are watching a play-within-a-play, and towards the end a play-within-the-play-within-the-play, showing the young man's adventures.

These largely involve illusion, too. Duncan Bell's Clindor, perky attired in red-and-white stripes and a black beret, advances himself by outwitting everyone else. Ostensibly, he is wooing Sian Thomas's gawky heiress on behalf of his patron, a braggart warrior played by Phelim McDermott. Actually, he himself is after her and her money, even though his true fancy is her maid, Sylvestra Le Touzel's pert Lyse. Wherever he is, blithely grinning, deception abounds.

May Days  
Royal Court

THERE have been snuffy comments on this season of commissioned dialogues, suggesting that Max Stafford-Clark has no business to give stage-time to people who have "only the most spurious connections with play-writing". The rebuke is absurd. To be a playwright, a person has only to write a play: it is immaterial that he or she is also an MP, bishop or journalist.

This week's programme in the main house consists of three pieces, each about 40 minutes long. This is too long for the weakest of the three, *Eastern Promises*, by the Polish director, Antoni Libera. Seated on a park bench in what I guessed to be Berlin, but which turns out to be Hyde Park, Nicholas Le Prevost, a



Clindor (Duncan Bell, left) attends Matamore (Phelim McDermott) in Corneille's *The Illusion*

Now, there is good comic characterisation here. The military loudmouth could be hilarious, with his megalomaniac boasts of having conquered China, turned the Sahara from a green and pleasant land into the desert it is, and, as reward, received plain-bills-doux from the Queen of England. Moreover, Ranjit Bolt's translation, always witty, gives plenty of memorable couplets to this fulminating amalgam of Tamberlaine and Donald Trump.

It is typical of the production that his pretensions should be subverted before he speaks. Who could even momentarily be duped

by this absurd shrimp, this tiny, mincing Aguecheek with the camp, squeaking voice? The gulf between the man and his self-image is so exorbitant it becomes inhuman, unfunny. He is, it seems, important as an extreme illustration of the play's theme, delusion; not as an entertaining instance of human weakness.

Too often we are distracted from character, plot and comic verse by the games Jones gratuitously plays with illusion and reality. Puppets occasionally substitute for the actors, and the actors themselves mime fighting, smoking, drinking tea, shaving, all in time to a soundtrack. It is

clever, pointed, visually striking, attention-getting – and presumptuous, since it implies we cannot ourselves penetrate Corneille. To sum up the evening's terrors is difficult, doubly so since it ends with a twist not to be revealed here. Enough to say that, in a surprisingly contemporary way, Corneille and his warlock lure us into confusing dramatic deception with that hall of distorting mirrors, life; and they robustly defend that reflection of life, the theatre. The play's oddities are worth discovering. If only they had been allowed unpretentiously to declare themselves!

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Manfred Karge's *The Wall-Dog*

word. Finally, words become unnecessary: Cullen takes off his dog mask and waits in mournful dignity while Olsen eagerly covers a "How-to-carve" diagram with financial sums. There is no profit, Karge convinces us, without loss.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE  
Swan Lake  
Coliseum

I WONDER when it was that the Russians decided that the story of *Swan Lake* did not matter and started dropping the traditional mime?

It does not really matter that the Kirov Ballet's production, by Konstantin Sergeyev, makes no attempt to find a dramatic pretext for the various national dances in the ballroom scene. And that

heretical Soviet happy ending, which assumes that a mere mortal can casually kill a powerful magician, is besides, familiar to us. But it is all the more reason to give for all the capricious and a bunch of flowers, and more so that Odette's explanation of her bewitched state finds no place in the action.

This is consequently an undramatic staging that relies for its impact on Tchaikovsky's music (played feelingly but erratically under Viktor Fedotov's baton) and on the quality of the dancing. At the first London performance on Monday the highest honours

went to the corps de ballet. At the beginning of the last act they flap their arms very fast, with results more like Harlequin's *Etudes* than swan wings; but otherwise their uniformly slender shapes, their suppleness, the variety and subtlety with which they use their torsos, heads and upper limbs are admirable.

Grigory Chicherin, a curly-haired young man looking like a Raphael sketch, showed immense promise in the *pas de trois*, despite being saddled with a nondescript version of the solo choreography, and the four couples in the Mazurka had vigour and style.

The principals are less impressive. Olga Chenchikova, as I remember, was always notable for the grand manner than for romanticism. She has a beautifully curved line and impressive burlesque. She moves dramatically, but her face is inexpressive and the costumes and head-dresses do not make the best of her powerful physique.

Makharbek Vaziyev looks elegant and has an adequate, although unexciting, technique, but lacks involvement or impact. The casts changes nightly and there will be more stirring protagonists

JOHN PERCIVAL

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

## BARDOLLOCK

(a) An edible seaweed, *Alaria*, resembling tangle, found often in Dorset, Ayrshire, and elsewhere on rocky coasts, but better eaten in Chinese restaurants, possibly from Bader's (or Nove's) mythology, killed by mistletoe checked by the blind god Hodi (Loki). "The great tangle and baddocks, or ben ware."

## UTIS

(c) The old English word for clamour, din, uproar, and noise, *OE* *ut* out + *hæst* best; "The bounds were here this morning and kicked up a demon of a din."

## GRAVEOLENT

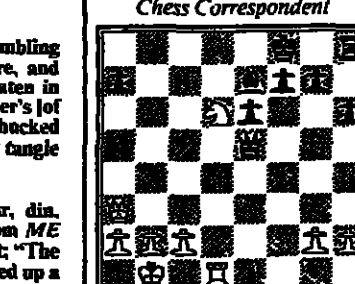
(a) Strongly felt, heavily odorous, from the Latin *gravis* heavy + *oleo* to pour; "Aphrodite – sitting graveolent in her royal hebetation, surrounded by all her holieries."

## HAUBRENT

(a) In heraldry, of a fish rising to the surface as if to breathe, on the medieval and heraldic misapprehension that that is what they do, from the Latin *haurire* to draw water etc.; "A flapping prawn mounts haubrent to the top."

## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Dedes (White) – Makropoulos (Black), Greece 1990. How can White break the pin on his knight? Solution in tomorrow's Times. Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Bxb7! f6x7 2 Rcb4 Rb8 3 Qf3+ mating.

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## NEW RELEASES



## TELEVISION &amp; RADIO

COMPILED BY GILLIAN MAXEY AND STEPHANIE BILLEN  
TELEVISION CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

## BBC 1

- 6.00 Cee-fax  
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laura Meyer 6.55  
Regional News and weather  
9.00 News and weather followed by The Travel Show Guides. The Isle of Man (r)  
9.35 Discovering Birds. The pleasures of bird watching (r)  
10.00 News and weather followed by The Pink Panther Show. Cartoon  
10.25 Children's BBC  
10.55 Five to Eleven. Miranda Foster reads poems about children's rights  
11.00 News and weather  
Hudson and Halls. Fish recipes for health and flavour 11.30 Thicks of the Trade. Time and labour-saving tips (r)  
12.00 News and weather followed by Dallas (r). (Cee-fax) 12.50 The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. The Cornish region of Newquay (r) 12.55 Regional News and weather  
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather  
1.30 Neighbours. (Cee-fax) 1.50 Matchpoint. The third semi-final in the tennis-style scoring quiz  
2.15 Knots Landing  
3.05 Lucinda Green. More Than Meets the Eye. The Olympic medalist goes riding with Alan Titchmarsh and talks about her career 3.35 The Pink Panther Show. Cartoon (r)  
3.50 Children's BBC: Caterpillar Trail. Plants and animals' habitats by canals, railways, motorways and docks 4.05

## BBC 2

- 6.45 Open University: Pine Point Mine - One to Meet 7.10 Culture and Belief in Europe 14.00  
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster  
9.00 Daytime on Two  
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime (r) 2.15 Country File. Rupert Segar examines "green taxes" by which polluters are made to pay to improve the environment (r) 2.40 Made by Man. The life of a tree surgeon 2.55 Married 27 Years Later. A couple are reunited 27 years after the birth of their illegitimate child  
3.00 News and weather followed by Film 3.00 with Barry Norman (r)  
3.35 Night Cleaner. The hazards faced by a street cleaner (r)  
3.45 World Cup Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of Uruguay v Spain (Group E) from Udine. Spain reached the quarter-finals in 1986, and would have a reasonable draw if they won Group E. But Uruguay have been a revelation in the past couple of months. They have eradicated much of the cynicism that won them so few friends in Mexico four years ago, and friendly results (a draw in West Germany and a win at Wembley) indicate they could be a danger to anyone. Commentary by John Molsen and Bobby Charlton with analysis by Jimmy Hill and Terry Venables, includes news of the English, Scottish and Irish teams  
6.00 DEF begins with The Invaders. Aliens who have taken over human form are scheming to take over the Earth  
6.50 Words Apart. Young people from Northern Ireland talk about what life is like for them. Why do so many of them leave the province to study or work in England?  
7.30 Hidden Ground. Novelist and playwright Maurice Llewellyn Jones looks at the Protestant area of Six Mile Valley.

Around the World with Willy Fog. Cartoon (r) 4.35 The Movie Game. Philip Schofield hosts the inter-school film and video quiz. Today's questions come from Hammerhead, Wantage and Stratford-upon-Avon  
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Moonchild. Episode six of the drama serial about a girl who is transported back in time (r). (Cee-fax)  
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Cee-fax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster  
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather  
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours  
7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests are the actress Barbara Taylor Bradford and actress Liz Smith. Music from Yazz  
7.30 Film: Columbo - Last Salute to the Commodore (1978) starring Peter Falk and Robert Vaughn. Feature-length story of the shabby sleuth in which a suspicious death leads to a puzzling dead end when the prime suspect is found murdered. Directed by Patrick McGeehan. (Cee-fax)  
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Barker. Regional news and weather  
9.30 Frontiers: Stranded in Time. Christopher Isherwood continues the series on both sides of the Atlantic with a punchy report from Cyprus which has been arbitrarily divided since the Turkish offensive of 1974. Isherwood continually underlines the inhumanity of a partition which it was not so sad would almost be funny. He buys a piece of cloth from a Greek Cypriot and has it made into a suit by a Turkish Cypriot on the "other side". The



Hitchens (right) meeting his tailor (8.30pm)

10.20 Cagney and Lacey: Taxi-Cab Murders. Tyne Daly and Sharon Glass as the tough female cops solving crime on the mean streets of New York (r)  
11.10 World Cup Report. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of Uruguay v Spain (Group E) and Argentina v Soviet Union (Group B)  
11.55 Weather

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 The Art of Landscape. The beauty of nature set to a musical background  
6.20 Business Daily  
6.30 The Channel 4 Hour Daily. Includes at 3.35 and 8.35, the children's magazine Early Bird  
9.25 Schools: The French Programme 9.52 Environments 10.09 All Year Round 10.26 World Studies 10.48 Believe It or Not 11.05 Midsouth English 11.22 Picture Box 11.39 Science and Society  
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron  
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2.30 Circle Within the Square. The life and work of Minna Sauter, the chief architect of the Bauhaus movement. The magnificent in the 18th century, who gave to posterity the classical Ottoman style  
3.30 Ether Symphony. Vintage George Pal puppetoon  
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4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts another round of the quick-fire general knowledge quiz  
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5.30 Flight Over Spain. Filmed entirely from a helicopter, today's flight is over

## ITV LONDON

- 6.00 TV-am starting with Good Morning Britain presented by Naya Even and, from 7.00, by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly 9.00 After Nine with Kathy Taylor  
9.25 Chain Letters. Alan Stewart hosts the ten-minute word quiz 9.55 Thames News and weather  
10.00 Out of This World: The Fitness. American comedy series featuring the adventures of Eve, a teenage girl whose father is from another planet  
10.30 This Morning. Magazine series. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather  
12.05 (r) 12.25 Home and Away 12.55 Thames News and weather  
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather  
1.20 The Miriam Stoppard Health and Beauty Show. In the final programme of the series, Miriam Stoppard examines the importance of massage for babies, talks to families who enjoy cycling together and finds out which dietary requirements apply to the series  
1.50 A Country Practice 2.20 Take the High Road. The Highland community of Glendochter dishes up another helping of drama and intrigue  
2.50 Connections. Simon Potter invites more contestants to link the clues 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News and weather 3.25 The Young Doctors

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## 3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.10

- Frangible Rock 4.40 Kappatoo. Sci-fi comedy about a 15-year-old boy from the 23rd century who switches places with his 20th-century look-alike  
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz  
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather  
6.00 Home and Away (r)  
6.30 Thames News and weather  
6.45 Busman's Holiday. Occupational quiz. This week's contestants are archaeologists from Edinburgh, RAF dog-handlers from Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire chocolate moulders (Oracle)  
7.15 Coronation Street. The Weatherfield media gather at the Rovers Return to cover the confrontation between the Gilleys and the Brewster. (Oracle)  
7.45 World Cup 90. From the San Paolo stadium in Naples, Elton Wesley and Rodney Marsh introduce live coverage of the first-round group B match between Argentina, the World Cup holders, and the Soviet Union. Locals will not doubt be supporting Argentina, as the controversial Diego Maradona plays for Napoli and recently helped them win the Italian championship. Commentary by Alan Parry and Ian St John. There are also highlights of Uruguay v Spain, the group E game played this afternoon in

## the city of Albaceta in south-eastern Spain. (Oracle)

- 6.00 Lemony: Fumay to Paris. The barge voyage through Europe continues as Richard Goodwin and his crew war games with champagne in northern France  
6.30 Get Smart. Vintage comedy from the inept secret agent, Maxwell Smart (Don Adams). Tonight, Smart thinks an innocent billiard parlour may be a KAOS front  
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Oracle)  
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour politician. Weather  
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Oracle)

## 10.35 Film: Death Wish II (1982) starring

- Charles Bronson, Jill Ireland and Vincent Gardenia. Thuggish and unyielding thug, in which the violence has been thankfully toned down for the television version. Bronson repeats his role as the architect Paul Kersey, who has taken the law into his own hands after the murder of his wife and the rape of the daughter. Directed by Michael Winner  
12.00am Film: Night Slaves (1970) starring James Franciscus and Lee Grant. Intriguing science fiction yarn in which a small western town is taken over by an unseen force. One man manages to escape the enslavement of the mysterious presence and learns that the key to the mystery lies in the arms of a woman of unearthly beauty... Directed by Tad Post  
1.40 Patter Merchants. Alan Stewart introduces one of Britain's brightest young comedians, Steve Womack. The show is a collection of sketches, never seen before in the West  
2.40 America's Top Ten. Introduced by Seth Green  
3.10 Friday the 13th. Series following the supernatural adventures of two cousins  
4.10 Just Champion. A profile of Gary Lineker, the England striker, on whose shoulders England's World Cup challenge largely rests  
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newscasts  
5.00 ITN Morning News with Guy DeFaye. Ends at 6.00

## orthodoxy and declared that the HIV

- virus could not be the cause of AIDS. There may be something in what he says. This programme offers the statistic that in the United States in any one year only 1.5 per cent of people who are HIV positive get the disease. Professor Duesberg returns tonight with the even more startling proposition that AIDS is not infectious. Nor does he believe it is a new disease but a collection of 25 old diseases. The views are endorsed by experts in the United States, France and Britain, although the programme allows them to go unchallenged. The professor and his supporters argue that present thinking on AIDS means that research is being misdirected and many lives may be needlessly lost  
9.15 Poetry in Motion: A.E. Housman. In the second of his quietly effective series, Alan Bennett reads a selection of Housman's poems and talks about the poet's life and work. Unfulfilled personal relations and the war provided Housman with the dominant themes for his poetry. (Oracle)  
9.45 Short and Curious: The Kitchen Child. Drama by Susan Campbell highlighting the agonies of love. Starring Annette Badland, Paul Brooke and Garry Haddy. Directed by Joy Perito  
10.00 Being There (1979) starring Peter Sellers, Shirley Maizland, Melvyn Douglas and Jack Warden. A wry comedy, with a magnificent part for Sellers as Chance, an illiterate, unworldly Washington gardener who is taken for a homespun philosopher and becomes a national celebrity. Directed by Hal Ashby  
12.25am Taj Mahal. One of the masters of rock and roll blues in concert (r)  
1.35 Roy Ayres. Live concert, recorded at Ronnie Scott's, with Ayres and veteran percussionist Dwight Cassidy. Ends at 2.35

## RADIO 1

- FM Stereo and MW  
News on the half-hour from 5.00am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00  
5.00am World News 5.15 Heart 5.30  
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**By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT**

The prime minister is determined to press ahead despite the strong objections of some of her closest supporters in the

Sir Geoffrey and his supporters in the cabinet are understood to have argued that the Tory party has been divided from the start over the controversial bill.

Sir Geoffrey is also believed to have argued that any decision which provoked a confrontation between the Commons and Lords would help Labour, because of its pledge to replace the Lords with an elected second chamber.

# Minister

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Officials confirmed that the prime minister discussed a wide range of economic subjects with Sir Alan, whose close contacts with her led Mr Lawson to leave her government, complaining that prime ministers should appoint cabinet ministers they trusted and leave them to get on with the job.

He called the notorious article by Sir Alan on the EMS the tip of a large iceberg of ill concealed divisions over ex-

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change rate policy.

Treasury sources say that John Major, Mr Lawson's successor as chancellor, who has been pushing on the policy of joining the ERM in conjunction with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, scarcely knows Sir Alan, but he is said to be "very relaxed" about the prime minister continuing to see her former adviser.

The Treasury has known about their continued contacts all this year and ministers

# n ERM

there are said to have no fears that his views will cause any problems - now that Mrs Thatcher has publicly signalled her conversion to the course of ERM entry.

Downing Street confirmed that Sir Alan's resumed contacts with the prime minister did not imply any change in policy. He was a family friend and when he passed through London he tended to call. He had last done so about a month ago. He was no longer a personal adviser.

the children rowing. Yesterday he reminded Auntie that Neil's affairs were nobody's business but his own.

Now Neil himself decided to weigh in. Was Auntie still seeing that professor — Alan Walters was his name — whom Uncle Nigel so disliked that he'd vowed never to sit at the high table again unless the professor was banished? Neil's tactless remark caused an unholy row. Auntie

*Children, we had a lovely time! ("we are entering a new and more positive period...")*

It was kind Uncle Jack who finally tapped Auntie on the shoulder, and said that was enough snaps for the time being, and further questions would have to wait. For, truth to tell, even the best holidays begin to pall — when they are somebody else's.

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**FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO**

"It was agreed that by 12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, all acts of violence must have stopped," said a statement released after Mr Hameed returned to Colombo.

**ACROSS**

- 1 A flinty stone in cup I panned to visit American city (10).
- 6 Wisc to enclose key in prepaid wrapper (4).
- 9 Slow in deciding to reimpose thralldom (10).
- 10 Expert with a boat in the South Pacific (4).
- 12 See one modified externally for firing ceramics, perhaps (4).
- 13 Bird or insect seen on a stem (9).
- 15 Feast of endurance for French mountaineer with British title (8).
- 16 Truant is faraway (6).
- 18 Asian rejected service in hostility (6).
- 20 Like a star need of a body-builder? (8).
- 23 Frier originally chosen by a jolly select group (9).
- 24 Creature endlessly displaying dash and verve (4).

**DOWN**

- 1 In Balzac, a distinguished judge (4).
- 2 Sweetheart supporting a student in characteristic manner (3,4).
- 3 Craftsman's hut at entrance to castle market perhaps (7-5).
- 4 Boss about to be seized by tyrant? No thanks! (8).
- 5 Public official capable of doing 100 mph on a railway? (6).
- 7 Area and period of existence of an Israel port? (7).
- 8 Perform it inside! — positively (10).

**Solution to Puzzle No 12,318**

F	O	R	E	X	C	H	A	N	G	E
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- 11 Con man's lookalike, a Stock Exchange jobber (6-6).
- 12 Knowing everything since Timon's strange manoeuvre (10).
- 17 A *cri de coeur* about worst material for insulation (8).
- 19 Favourite lighthouse keeper's daughter? (7).
- 21 Vehicle popular in Ohio - a noted performer (7).
- 22 Activity linking Spanish port with Sumerian city (6).
- 25 Executed extra dividend responsibility (4).

**Concise crossword, page 19**

*This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 34 per cent of the competitors at The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.*

**BADDERLOCK**  
a. Edible seaweed  
b. A kiss curl  
c. A double security lock

**UTIS**  
a. Legal piece of usefulness  
b. The skin of an otter  
c. Clamour

**GRAVEOLENT**  
a. Smelling strongly  
b. Heavily oily  
c. Solemn

**HAURIENT**  
a. Fishy breathing  
b. Handing anything upwards  
c. Exhausted

*Answers on page 22*

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24-hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

<b>London &amp; SE traffic, roadworks</b>	
C London (within N & S Circs), 731	
M-ways/roads M4-M11	732
M-ways/roads M11-Dartford	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736
<b>National traffic main roadworks</b>	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-West England	742
North-East England	743
Scotland	744
North Ireland	745
AA Roadwatch is charged at 5p for 8 seconds (peak and standard) 5p for 12 seconds (off peak).	

ABROAD      AROUND BRITAIN

[illegible]

Yesterday: Temp: max: 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 8 pm, 1,021.7 millibars, steady.

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Berks, Bucks, Oxon	706*
Beds, Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709*

Shropshire, Hereford & Worcester	710*
Central Midlands	711*
East Midlands	712*
Lincoln & Humberside	713*
Derford & Devonshire	714*

Weymouth, Dorset, 0.24 hr. highest	W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
Jersey, Channel Islands, 10.2 hr.	N E England	718*
	Cumbria & Lake District	719
	S W Scotland	720
	W Central Scotland	721

MANCHESTER	
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (56F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 09C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.	
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
	726

**GLASGOW**

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, N/A Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.5 hr.

Weathercall is charged at 5p for 8 seconds (peak and standard) 5p for 12 seconds (off peak).  
\*includes pollen count.

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**LIGHTING-UP TIME**

London 9.18 pm to 4.43 am  
 Bristol 9.26 pm to 4.53 am  
 Edinburgh 5.59 pm to 4.27 am  
 Manchester 7.58 pm to 4.40 am  
 Perthance 9.33 pm to 5.12 am

**YESTERDAY**

Temperatures at midday yesterday: a, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	14	57	Glasgow	14	57
Birmingham	11	52c	Inverness	11	52c
Blackpool	12	54c	Jersey	15	59
Bristol	14	57c	London	13	55c
Cardiff	14	57c	Manchester	12	54c
Edinburgh	12	54c	Newcastle	11	52c

**TOWER BRIDGE**

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times:

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Bolton	2.35	3.3	3.09	3.0	Marine	3.44	4.4	3.51	4.5
Cardiff	10.41	10.7	10.59	10.7	Harford Haven	10.00	5.9	10.21	6.1
Devonport	9.41	4.7	8.53	4.7	Newquay	8.53	6.0	8.14	6.2
Dover	2.33	5.9	2.58	6.0	Oban	8.19	3.3	9.49	3.5
Falmouth	9.11	4.5	8.23	4.7	Poole	8.47	4.7	9.00	4.8
Glasgow	4.25	4.5	4.53	4.7	Portland	10.39	4.7	10.21	4.8

Haverich	3.29	3.6	3.38	3.6	Portsmouth	6.86	1.5	10.50	1.2
Hythehead	1.55	5.1	2.24	4.7	Shoreham	2.55	4.3	3.80	4.3
Hull	9.58	6.7	10.36	6.4	Southampton	2.36	5.5	3.10	5.8
Kilraconbe	9.44	8.0	10.07	8.1	Stretton	2.22	4.1	3.02	4.1
King's Lynn	10.00	6.0	10.45	5.5	Swansea	10.05	8.1	10.27	8.3
					Tenby	7.28	4.0	8.40	4.5

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## Dunsdale director faces two charges

THE sole director of Dunsdale Securities, the investment company that collapsed last week owing at least £17 million, was charged last night with two offences under the 1968 Theft Act (Angela Mackay writes).

Robert Michael Gideon Miller was arrested on Monday when he presented himself to police after being missing for ten days. A warrant for his arrest had been issued.

He was charged under section 15 with dishonestly obtaining a cheque for £20,000 from Carol Hersman on or about May 20, 1987, by falsely representing that the proceeds would be invested in government securities. He is accused of similarly, on or about July 20, 1988, obtaining a cheque for £30,000 from Neil Richard Kelsey.

Mr Miller will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court this morning. His solicitor, Peters & Peters, refused to comment on whether he will seek bail.

**Vosper at £12m**  
Pre-tax profits at Vosper Thornycroft, the warship builder, rose 17 per cent to £12 million in the year to March. The company said it is negotiating for orders from Brunei, Oman and the Royal Navy. A final dividend of 6.75p (5.75p) makes 9.875p, up 16 per cent.

**Meyer setback**  
Meyer International, the building materials group, lifted its total dividend 10 per cent in the year to March, despite a 19 per cent fall in profits to £70.8 million. A final payment up 11.8 per cent to 12.3p makes 16.5p.

**Unilock for sale**  
Unilock Holdings, the office partitions contractor, has become the first company to put itself up for sale because of frustration with its share price, stagnant for four years despite substantial profit growth and good prospects. Analysts expect Unilock, with pre-tax profits up 65 per cent to £23 million, to fetch 115p a share. Its shares rose 18p to 80p.

**THE POUND**  
US dollar 1.7055 (+0.0195)  
W German mark 2.8840 (+0.0321)  
Exchange index 90.3 (+0.8)

**STOCK MARKET**  
FT 30 Share 1901.0 (+23.1)  
FT-SE 100 2370.7 (+21.9)  
New York Dow Jones 2893.07 (+0.50)  
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**INTEREST RATES**  
London: Bank Base: 15%  
3-month interbank 14.75-14.76%  
6-month interbank 14.75-14.76%  
US: Prime Rate 10%  
Federal Funds 8.75%  
3-month Treasury Bill 7.74-7.72%  
30-year bonds 10.34-10.35%

**CURRENCIES**  
London: New York  
£: \$1.7055  
DM: £2.8840  
Sfr: £2.4401  
FF: £9.7094  
Yen: £263.44  
Index: 90.3  
ECU: £1.714883  
ECU: £1.39634

**GOLD**  
London: Fixing  
AM \$358.00 pm \$355.75  
close \$355.75-356.25 (2209.00-2209.50)  
New York:  
Comex \$356.30-356.80

**NORTH SEA OIL**  
Brent (Jul) \$16.25 bbl (\$16.00)  
\* Denotes latest trading price

**FOUR STAR RATES**

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.35	19.50
Belgium F	2.10	56.15
Canada C	62.15	1.98
Denmark Kr	11.46	10.78
France F	10.08	9.49
Germany DM	3.00	2.82
Greece Dr	13.88	12.98
Hong Kong \$	1.125	1.055
Italy Lira	225	207
Japan Yen	217	317
Netherlands Gld	3.35	10.86
Norway Kr	11.55	248
Portugal Esc	5.10	173.50
South Africa R	5.70	5.10
Spain Ptas	165.50	10.21
Sweden Kr	10.81	2.39
Switzerland Fr	2.55	4.40
Turkey Lira	46.00	1.69
USA \$	2.40	18.00
Yugoslavia Dnr	24.00	18.00

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Retail Price Index: 125.1 (April)

# Pound lifted by optimism on EMS entry

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pound surged to its strongest level since February yesterday as euphoria over the possibility of sterling soon playing a full role in the European Monetary System returned to the foreign exchange market.

On its trade-weighted index, the pound closed at 90.3, up 0.8 of a point from Monday's finish and its highest level since February 22.

Against the mark, the anchor currency of the EMS, the rise was more dramatic, with the pound up 3.21 pfennigs at DM2.8840. It also added nearly two cents to end at \$1.7055.

The FT-SE 100 index, in part boosted by Wall Street, ended 21.9 points ahead at 2,370.7, while gilts added a full point. The money markets were encouraged too, with the key three-month London interbank rate softening slightly to 14.75/14.76 per cent from 15 1/2, 14 3/4 per cent on Monday.

A report in the *Financial Times*, which said the government is planning to take sterling fully into the EMS in September or October, provided the pound is strong, prompted dealers to mark sterling, shares and gilts sharply higher.

But John Major, the Chancellor, sidestepped the issue when he addressed a German chamber of industry and com-

merce lunch in London. He simply reaffirmed the government's commitment to the EMS' Exchange Rate Mechanism.

He said: "I think no one has any doubt now that the government is committed to joining the ERM; and we have set out the conditions under which that will be possible."

He recognised that much progress had been made on a number of those conditions.

The Treasury described the newspaper report as "speculation". Officials even fell back on the time not being "right".

Gwynne Hache, UK economist at James Capel, read the newspaper "leak" as fresh signs of the government talking up the pound. "Given the buoyancy still in the economy, this is, however, a dangerous game," he said.

He shared a widespread view in the City that, while encouraging the market to expect early ERM entry had strengthened sterling, action would be needed soon to prevent disappointment setting in.

A 6 per cent rise in the pound since its low point in the pound has effectively tightened monetary policy without any increase in interest rates.

Mr Major said the prospect of broadening the European Community should not prevent valuable changes within the EC. He added there was little time to complete the single market and faster

progress was needed. Although progress on the economic aspects of European monetary union were "promising", Mr Major said this was less so regarding monetary aspects.

He said a European independent central bank, or Eurofed, as envisaged in the Delors model, did not seem to Parliament to be the right body to exercise ultimate control of monetary policy.

Mr Major questioned whether the Eurofed could guarantee anything better than average inflation performance. Meanwhile, economic convergence was vital, he said. He foresaw three elements central to achieving this. First, to promote currency stability and convergence on low inflation. This would include surveillance and coordination of monetary policies.

Second, there could be closer coordination of exchange rate policy and intervention against non-EC currencies. Third, it was necessary to foster the wider use of the Ecu, possibly through development of financial market and currency intervention.

He urged the EC not to shirk from its responsibility in the final year of the Uruguay Round of talks on freer world trade. These could only succeed in an atmosphere of "flexibility and willingness to compromise".

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## Liquidators go in at B&C firm

By ANGELA MACKAY

LIQUIDATORS have been appointed to the Stock Group (Channel Islands), part of the Stock Group, British & Commonwealth's private-client stockbroking subsidiary.

This was unavoidable after the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank (BCMB) was placed under administration last week, according to B&C. David Waters of Ernst & Young in Jersey has been appointed liquidator. Last week, the Stock Group said the sale of the entire business was imminent.

However, the deal collapsed and part of the operation, Stock Beech Securities in Bristol, ceased trading. Later, B&C's administrator, Nigel Hamilton, from Ernst & Young, injected £3.5 million into Stock Beech to avoid closing the group because monies were still on deposit in BCMB.

The Securities Association had earlier directed BCMB's stockbroking subsidiaries to place their clients' monies on deposit with other banks.

Analysts suggested the entire Stock Group may be close to following its Channel Islands section into liquidation if a buyer cannot be found soon. Negotiations with purchasers are continuing.

The Stock Group, which boasted about 50,000 clients, is believed to have about £4 billion under management. The firm employed about 30 staff in the Channel Islands. The sale of the Stock Group is part of B&C's bid to raise £1 billion to pay creditors.

Meanwhile, the B&C shareholders' action group has formally requested a Department of Trade and Industry investigation into the company's downfall.

## Goldsmith gives vision of Europe

By DEREK HARRIS, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SIR James Goldsmith, whose entrepreneurial skills have made him a business leader to reckon with on both sides of the Atlantic, yesterday gave his economic and political vision of Europe in the Institute of Directors' annual lecture.

He spoke out against a European superstate, raised doubts over a common European currency and criticised governments seeking cartel-like tax harmonisation.

With the Soviet Union disintegrating and America detaching itself from its European moorings Europe was now on its own, said Sir James.

The architecture of European institutions needed to take into account the reunification of Germany, the six European Free Trade Association countries that should be invited to join the greater Europe, and Soviet colonies in Eastern Europe which if they adopted democracy and free markets should also be welcomed in.

"We do not want a European superstate, which is centralised, monolithic, dirigiste and seeks to impose uniformity. We do not want an all-powerful super parliament nor a super bureaucracy, an extra layer of laws which compete with national laws, nor a new super layer of taxation."

What was needed was subsidiarity and an unbreakable system of checks and balances to control central institutions, said Sir James.

He explained subsidiarity as the delegation of powers to the centre that individual nations could not on their own exercise satisfactorily, such as those concerning economic

co-ordination, fair trade, competition, defence and environmental protection. Subsidiarity recognised that surplus centralised power was deeply destructive.

All EC currencies should be part of a European exchange-rate mechanism but a common European currency would bring all the penalties of centralisation, he added.

EC countries should maintain their own currencies, each convertible into the European currency unit, which would be controlled by an independent Bank of Europe.

A currency's value was a reflection of underlying economic circumstances and there were considerable differences between some economies. He gave warning that if there was no adjusting mechanism, then the economies of all European nations would have to be brought under the control of a central European bureaucracy. National budgets would be replaced by a European budget and matters of legitimate national concern "would fall under centralised control."

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Goldsmith: no superstate

## Abbey National conversion adds to ombudsman's in-tray

By LINDSAY COOK, FAMILY MONEY EDITOR

THE Building Societies ombudsman, Mr Stephen Edell, received 63 per cent more complaints in the year to the end of March than in the previous year. The conversion of the Abbey National from a building society to a public company accounted for 548 of the 2,572 complaints, he says in his annual report.

Most Abbey National complaints were outside the ombudsman's terms of reference and the number recorded was "a substantial understatement", said Mr Edell, because people who telephoned his office to complain about Abbey National were often turned away without a record being made of the details.

Complaints about the former society are now dealt with by the Banking ombudsman, but Mr Edell will consider

any pre-conversion cases taken to him before the end of this month.

The Building Societies ombudsman could not deal with cases involving the flotation, but where couples complained that they had lost free shares because their instructions were not followed, compensation had been paid.

If a couple convinced the ombudsman that they had requested that the account be opened with the wife's name first, near the qualifying date, he suggested that they should receive the value of 100 shares on the first day of trading. Where instructions were alleged to have been ignored years earlier, complainants tended to fail unless they had tried to get the passbook changed.

Complaints about mortgage arrears and the repossession and sale of properties did not increase significantly during the year, although there was some evidence of a rising trend as the year progressed. More complaints are expected during the next year. In some cases, societies had not acted with the necessary urgency when selling repossessed properties and were ordered to refund interest incurred because of the delay. Problems about mortgage repayments increased from 66 to 114, but not all the cases listed involved arrears.

Some 39 per cent of complainants received some compensation, the highest sum from a society being £6,000. The case involved life assurance, and the sum was topped up with a similar amount from the insurance company involved.



Sidestepping a firm line: John Major arriving at the German chamber of commerce lunch in London yesterday

## MCA 'offered \$250m package'

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

THE government is believed to have offered almost \$250 million worth of incentives to attract Hollywood's first large studio theme park to Britain.

A Hollywood trade newspaper reported that the package, from the trade and industry department, is believed to be worth about \$250 million. The *Los Angeles Times* says that a substantial package, including guarantees on transport links, is on offer.

The move has come before MCA, the entertainment group, decides whether to set up its \$1.2 billion tour and park either at Rainham Marshes, or near Paris, and compete head on with a park being built by Walt Disney.

Trade department officials say it is too early to put a price on the concessions package that is likely to include upgrading of the land at Rainham Marshes, tax breaks and guarantees on new road building.

The French have already offered a tax incentive on their site, which could be operating in 1994, a year ahead of Britain.

Anthony Young, president of MCA Enterprises International and in charge of the project, said the British have been much more vague about incentives than the French and that MCA executives are now trying to pin them down to precisely what is on offer.

Britain has already foregone any public inquiry into the project. Ministers from the trade and environment departments visited MCA's Hollywood studio this year.

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## Storehouse set to sell Heal's

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

STOREHOUSE, the retailer that owns Habitat, Mothercare and BHS, is expected to announce the sale of Heal's in the next few weeks. The upmarket designer furniture store is believed to have been sold to a management team headed by Colin Pilgrim.

Storehouse is expected to receive little more than asset value for the business that is now trading from only two stores, the Tottenham Court Road flagship in central London and Guildford in Surrey.

The group closed four Heal's stores in Reading, West Thurrock, Croydon and Kingston upon Thames in February at a cost of about £3 million. The closure meant the loss of 90 jobs and was seen as a move to reorganise the business before selling it.

The home furnishings division, which includes Habitat, lost £10 million in Britain last year, but as a result of the shop closures Heal's is now believed to be breaking even.

According to Verdict, the market research group, Heal's had a turnover of £13.5 million last year.

Almost 75 per cent of the business's sales came from the

London and Guildford shops. Storehouse's policy is to pare the group back to the three core businesses. Habitat, Mothercare and BHS. The group recently sold the Conran shop to its out-going chairman Sir Terence Conran for £600,000 net of debt.

Storehouse made pre-tax profits of £32.6 million before exceptional costs of £19.8 million last year.

Heal's was bought by Habitat in 1983 with the intention of encouraging Habitat shoppers to aspire to the more upmarket Heal's offering. The chain was developed conservatively with only six shops in operation in 1988. Verdict in its latest report on furniture retailing, says Storehouse failed to capitalise on the opportunities for Heal's in the 1980s and says the distinction between Habitat and Heal's has become less pronounced.

Storehouse is selling Heal's at a time when the furniture market is in decline. Furniture and floorcovering sales fell by 1.8 per cent last year according to Verdict and the trading climate is getting worse. Market conditions remain bleak for the next 12 months at least, the report says.

## Marston rises to £17.4m

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-Trent brewer, raised pre-tax profits from £14.9 million to £17.4 million in the 53 weeks to March 31, roughly in line with City expectations. A final dividend of 2.91p makes a total of 4.02p, up from 3.36p last time.

JA Devenish, Marston's West Country counterpart, disappointed the stock market with interim profits to end-March down from £5.16 million to £3.84 million, although the interim payment is raised from 0.95p to 1.05p. The City was also surprised at higher-than-expected interest charges, but Michael Cannon, the chairman of Devenish, said there was no question of a rights issue, and the group did not intend to become heavily borrowed.

Michael Hurdle, the chairman of Marston, said the hot weather and the additional week in the year had combined to boost beer volumes by more than 5 per cent, against the market trend, during the year. The group had also seen the advantage of a full year's trading link-up with Whitbread.

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## Purchases help lift BSS

PRE-TAX profits at BSS Group, the Leicester industrial equipment distributor, advanced 19 per cent to £14.5 million in the year to end-March. The final dividend rose to 11.5p (10p), making a total of 17.25p (15p), and earnings 14 per cent to 47.5p.

Mr Ian Phillips, chairman, said its Heatex Services and J&B Labone acquisitions had performed.

Group turnover grew 49 per cent to £194 million and acquisitions contributed about £42 million. Interest costs jumped to £1.63 million (£364,000).

## Harrison jumps

Harrison Industries lifted pre-tax profits 43 per cent to £2.91 million in the year to end-March. Turnover rose to £44.1 million (£41.5 million). Earnings rose from 10.7p to 15.5p and the final dividend is 5p (4.75p), making 7.3p (6.85p).

## Estates warning

Moorefield Estates issued a warning that full-year profits would not exceed last year's despite more than double pre-tax earnings of £715,000 in the six months to April. The dividend is unchanged at 1.6p.

## Claythorpe ahead

Claythorpe, the investment group, lifted profits 27 per cent to £5.25 million in the year to March. A final dividend of 4.2p (2.75p) makes 6p total, up 41 per cent.

# Hazlewood sweets division may be sold to managers

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

HAZLEWOOD Foods, the manufacturing group, which supplies supermarkets with own-label products, has put its confectionery and snacks division up for sale. The group is negotiating with the division's management about a possible management buyout.

The business is expected to fetch about £50 million, which will help to reduce Hazlewood's high borrowings.

Hazlewood, which has seen its shares tumble from a high of 275p in the last year to 144p yesterday, has also been under pressure from shareholders questioning management commitment after the disclosure that Mr Dennis Jones, the group's corporate development director, received a £1.28 million payment from Seafield, the Dublin property group, of which he is a director. Mr Jones has agreed to repay the money.

The group made pre-tax profits of £57.1 million, up 23 per cent, in the year to March on sales of £576 million, up 27 per cent. The results were in line with expectations, but there was an £8.6 million non-trading profit made up of disposals, property profits and a compensation payment from a trading partner.

The final dividend is 3.2p, making 5p for the year, an increase of 25 per cent. Earnings per share rose 17 per cent to 19.8p.

Stripping out the non-trading profit, underlying earnings growth was 11 per cent, lower than expected. The shares fell 8p to 144p.

The group's gearing is 121 per cent, but is expected to fall to about 75 per cent if the sale of the confectionery division goes ahead. Interest is covered 6.6 times.

Hazlewood has increased the proportion of its business done in Europe to almost 50 per cent of profits and is looking to expand organically in Europe. All divisions increased operating profits, with the exception of the confectionery division, where profits fell 16 per cent.

Mr Peter Barr, group chief executive, said that Hazlewood's aim was to become one of the 10 largest food manufacturing groups in Europe. It is currently about 20th in terms of size. The company may make an acquisition in France to boost its European distribution, but 1990 will be a year of consolidation.

Mr Tim Potter, an analyst with Smith New Court, is looking for pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, of £58 million this year and static earnings growth.

"Having shown that they can manage by acquisition, the management now have to demonstrate that they can grow the business organically," he said.



Peter Barr: Hazlewood up to £57.1 million

## Trade gap in motor industry falls again

By KEVIN EASON  
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

GROWING exports and weak demand for new cars in Britain, helping to curb imports, led to a cut in the motor industry's trade deficit in the first quarter of this year.

The deficit of £1.49 billion was down by £151 million on January to March of 1989 and follows a decline of £289 million in the last quarter of last year.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said that the improvement owed much to a slowdown in imports, which increased by just 2 per cent, reflecting weakness in demand for new vehicles in Britain.

But the improvement could be stopped later this year, with the biggest sales month of August - when 20 per cent of annual sales are made - still to come. The motor industry, one of the biggest contributors to Britain's overall trade deficit, still suffers from imports accounting for about 55 per cent of all new car sales.

That trend shows no long-term sign of decline with not only Japanese and EC companies enjoying Britain's open market, but multinationals such as Ford and Vauxhall also importing key models from continental factories.

First-quarter imports fell in number by 9 per cent, but increased in value by 4 per cent, reflecting the decline in the sterling exchange rate, according to the society. However, there was considerable encouragement from export earnings, which increased 12 per cent to more than £2.24 billion.

The most buoyant markets were the EC and, on a smaller scale, Japan where manufacturers such as Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and Rover are increasing sales substantially.

Peugeot Talbot hopes to increase exports of its 405 model, which is manufactured at Ryton, Coventry, to 70 per cent of production, which will reach about 125,000 cars this year.

Parts and accessories remain a strong growth area, accounting for 47 per cent of all overseas sales. The amount for export increased 10 per cent in the first quarter following rises of 15 and 11 per cent in the previous two quarters.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Tom Farmer tries to block football club bid

TOM Farmer, chairman and chief executive of Kwik-Fit Holdings, is trying to block the controversial £6.1 million bid by Heart of Midlothian, the Scottish football club, for Hibernian, a fellow side from Edinburgh.

Mr Farmer, who is acting as a private individual in the deal, has spent £228,000 of his own money raising his personal stake in Hibs to 5.22 per cent. He hopes that when added to the 13 per cent held by David Duff, the Hibs chairman, and to the holdings of those fans who have vowed to fight for the club's independence, this will make it impossible for the offer to gather the 75 per cent acceptance it needs. Mr Farmer's spokesman said: "He's from Edinburgh. He's not a football fan but Edinburgh has always had Hibs and Hearts and he just feels that it's not right that one should go."

### Pump maker sold for £15m

SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering has bought Watson-Marlow, a world leader in peristaltic pumps, from Smith & Nephew for £15.3 million in cash. In the year to end-December operating profits were £1.5 million, and Spirax-Sarco expects this to be exceeded "by a significant margin" this year.

The deal is being financed out of existing resources and new bank borrowings.

### Bimec soars to £2.7m

BIMEC Industries, one of Britain's leading environmental control specialists, almost quadrupled pre-tax profits from £700,000 to £2.77 million in the year ending March 31 on turnover trebled to £32.2 million. Earnings per share also trebled, from 1.1p to 3.3p. A final dividend of 0.67p makes a total of 1p (nil). Orders are £31 million (£15 million last year).

### Profits slip at Osborne

PRE-TAX profits at Osborne & Little, the home furnishings group, fell from £2.33 million to £1.73 million for the year to March on sales up 37 per cent to £16.6 million. Earnings per share fell from 20.8p to 15.2p and the final dividend is 3.8p, making an unchanged total of 5.8p. Shares in the group, which have fallen from 220p a year ago, rose 2p to 90p.

Osborne said the shortfall in profits was partly due to the company taking control of the distribution of its products in Europe. In Britain the slowdown in consumer spending had affected the business. Trade sales fell 3 per cent, with London and the southeast being particularly difficult.

### Expansion at DC Gardner

DC GARDNER, the financial training specialist, has paid £200,000 cash for Philip Thorn Associates, publisher of the quarterly magazine *Banking and Financial Training*. Thorn reported pre-tax profits of £31,795 for the year to March 31. The deal will broaden Gardner's publishing activities, which include a self-study workbook series in banking and finance.

### Faupel falls as sales rise

FAUPEL Trading Group, the textile importer whose share price has slumped since it came to the market a year ago at 130p, made pre-tax profits of £1.02 million (£1.45 million) in the year to March. Sales rose from £13.9 million to £18.5 million and earnings per share fell to 8.5p (13.1p). The final dividend is 3.05p, making 4.9p for the year, up from 4.8p. The shares rose 2p to 47p.

### CEI sells offshoots

CAMBRIDGE Electronic Industries is selling its electronic components subsidiaries to the Roxboro Group for up to £29 million, of which £27.4 million will be payable in cash on completion.

A contract has been signed for the sale to an American company of a property at Manassas, New Jersey, used by one of the companies being sold, for its book value of £3.6 million. The group is also negotiating the sale of its 51 per cent interest in Varelo, a connector company, to Elco Corporation, which should realise more than £3 million in cash.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

**BURDEN INVS. (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £2.19m (£1.87m)  
EPS: 14.27p (11.92p)  
Div: 3p (2.5p)

**CARR'S MILLING (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £0.42m (£0.76m)  
EPS: 4.3p (7.9p)  
Div: 1.75p (1.75p)

**COHEN (A) (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £3.51m (£4.25m)  
EPS: 11.4p (13.9p)  
Div: 16.5p, mkg 23.1p

**DAVENPORT VERNON**  
Pre-tax: £1.10m (£1.07m)  
EPS: 5.6p (7.2p)  
Div: 1.5p (nil)

**DRUMMOND GROUP (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £1.01m (£1.60m)  
EPS: 2.89p (11.12p)  
Div: 1.35p, mkg 2.35p

**F&C SMALLER COS. (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £2.19m (£1.76m)  
EPS: 1.77p (1.42p)  
Div: 1.05p, mkg 1.50p

**LONDON & CLYDESDALE**  
Pre-tax: £0.77m (£0.66m)  
EPS: 5.4p (4.6p)  
Div: 1.8p (1.7p)

**SAFELAND (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £3.04m (£2.48m)  
EPS: 11.4p (9.8p)  
Div: 2.24p, mkg 3.84p

Group turnover advanced to £24.4m (£17.2m). Profits from the caravan manufacturing and park-operating division rose 30 per cent.

Sales were static at £46m (£46.1m). The results were affected by poultry losses and conditions in agricultural feed industry.

Last year's total dividend was 21p. Group turnover grew to £104.6m (£82m). The company said there is a worldwide downturn in its sector.

Interim results: Turnover climbed to £46.8m (£42.2m). Company expects the difficult conditions to continue in the second half.

Last year's total dividend was 3.7p. Earnings per share are on a net basis. On a nil basis, they stood at 3.30p (12.86p).

Last year's total dividend was 1.3p. Net asset value a share climbed to 97.5p (93.4p).

Total revenue was £3.98m (£3.07m). Interim results: Group turnover slipped to £8.41m (£9.14m). Net interest payable doubled to £0.41m (£0.20m).

Last year's total dividend was 2p. Group turnover advanced to £28.9m (£18.2m). Board is confident about the company's future.

### Electron issue for £5.1m

By MARTIN WALLER

ELECTRON House, the components distributor, has launched a rights issue to raise £5.1 million at a substantial premium to its market price.

The shares rose 9p to 69p on news of the issue and the proposed sell-off of the troubled 44 per cent-owned American side. The issue, at 70p, is on a two-for-five basis, underwritten by UBS Phillips & Drew, the company's broker.

The aim is to cut gearing, currently about 190 per cent if off-balance sheet debts are included. Electron is estimating operating profits will rise by 22 per cent to £7.8 million in the year to end-May. Losses from the US and more than doubled interest charges could leave the pre-tax line some £820,000 lower at £4 million.

### Mecca under fire from shareholders

By PHILIP PANGALOS

MICHAEL Guthrie, the chairman of Mecca Leisure, the group fighting a £500 million-plus bid from the Rank Organisation, faced some tough questioning from shareholders at the annual meeting at the Hammersmith Palais. In particular, the board was criticised for the substantial salary increases they had awarded themselves.

A "full house" of more than 500, of which about 350 were shareholders, and the rest managers and staff, packed into the West London club.

They heard Mr Guthrie say Rank's offer was "opportunistic and will be resisted by the board."

Mr Guthrie said that disapproval with the group's borrowings led to a "severe

overreaction by the market," eroding the company's share price. The programme of disposals would be stepped up.

Mr Guthrie defended the board's salaries as "merely being brought into line with industry levels." He clearly did not convince everyone. One long-term shareholder said he had seen his investment fall by 50 per cent. "Salaries should relate to performance," he declared, to applause.

Mr Jeremy Long, the deputy chief executive, said borrowings were about £440 million to £450 million, while Mr Guthrie confirmed that the trading performance was liable to be affected by the unfavourable economic climate.

### Open letter to Fimbra chairman

Open letter to Sir Gordon Downey, KCB, chairman of Fimbra

Dear Sir Gordon, I write in growing despair at the way the Financial Services Act, which was intended to protect the individual investor, is being implemented by the Self Regulatory Organisations, and in particular by Fimbra.

Let me begin by stating my position. I and my company are members of Fimbra, but in the past I have been managing director or chairman of three unit trust groups. I can therefore perhaps speak with some knowledge of both sides of the fence.

As you will be aware, the initial cost of compliance with the Act has been estimated at over £1,000 million, and the annual cost is in excess of £150 million. Over the past decade, the total lost by the general public as a result of fraudulent activities by intermediaries is less than £100 million.

This in itself is not a criticism of Fimbra. The brutal truth is that if an individual is going to be crooked, all the rules and regulations in the world will not stop him.

Compliance visits are certainly not the answer. We

have had one - and very thorough it was - which served to ensure that we abide by a series of pettyfoggish little rules, contained in a Rule Book of over 200 pages of unintelligible legalese, but which in terms of ensuring that we did not subsequently run off with our clients' money served no purpose whatsoever.

Incidentally, perhaps you can interpret "A member may provide services to a client notwithstanding there is no client agreement in effect with that client provided that the client is not an existing client of the member". It's one of your rules!

Scrap the existing Rule Book, Sir Gordon, and rewrite it in two sentences - "A member will always act in the best interests of his clients. Fimbra will be the sole Arbitrator of whether the member has done so".

Do away with regular compliance visits - they merely irritate the vast majority of your 8,000 members, and the very, very few of us who are dishonest are unlikely to be put off by a routine visit. But when you receive a complaint from a responsible

member of the public, go through that company's activities with a fine toothcomb. Above all, recruit the services of responsible senior ex-practitioners, who know how the industry works, and therefore know what to look for.

At the moment Fimbra's existence is not reassuring the public, to the point that we and many of our fellow members see the Fimbra logo more as an embarrassment than an advantage. A new, streamlined operation would go a long way towards rectifying this.

Finally, I am not convinced that the best use of our fees is being made in acting against responsible newspapers. As I have said earlier, neither we, Fimbra, nor journalists will ever prevent those who set out deliberately to defraud, but surely we are all on the same side?

Yours sincerely,  
PETER L. POTTS,  
Chairman, Saracen Asset Management Ltd,  
Sardinia House,  
Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

### Watchdog enters Dunsdale debate

From Mr R. F. O'Brien  
Chief Executive of Fimbra

Sir, On several occasions you refer to Fimbra's "delay" in taking action in connection with the collapse of Dunsdale Securities. The truth is that Fimbra had no way of finding out about the legal action taken by an investor some four days earlier - short, that is, of having a presence at every court in the land. If a court does not alert us, nor the police, nor the investor, nor the solicitor, nor, for that matter the press, then we shall never know. So our lack of information is scarcely a "puzzle".

Secondly, it is being suggested that Fimbra made a compliance visit two months ago, after being contacted by an alarmed investor. Not so. There was no compliance visit at that time. And if that is the case, there can also have been

no failure to check records. Finally, you refer to Fimbra's compliance checks and impliedly question their effectiveness. A compliance review can be as searching as anyone might wish; but the deeper the search, the greater the resource consumed and the less can be undertaken elsewhere. That is why it had seemed both sensible and appropriate to rely upon other professional agencies' work, taking that professionalism at face value. For example, to do an action replay of work done more fully by an auditor should be a wasteful use of scarce resources. What a great gift to be able infallibly to spot (in advance) the case which is going to be abnormal.

Yours faithfully,  
R. F. O'BRIEN,  
Chief Executive, Fimbra,  
Hertsmere House,  
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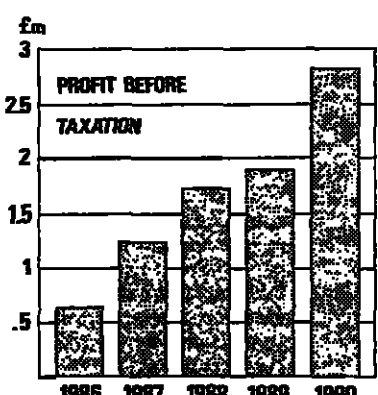
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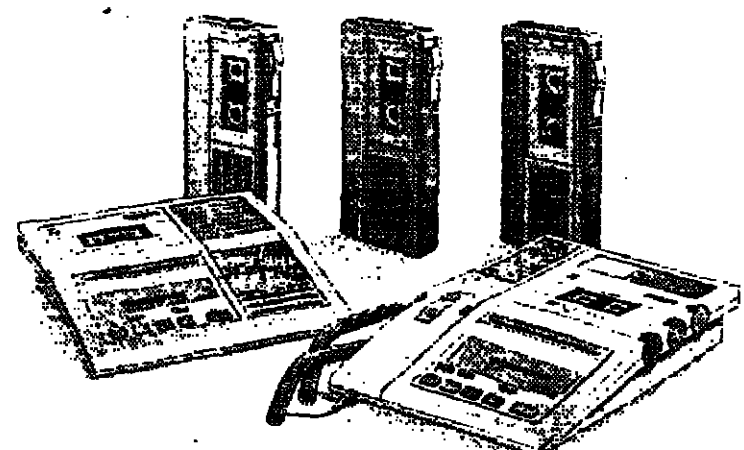
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# Sterling laps up the medicine

## COMMENT

Sterling and shares were administered another dose of ERM elixir yesterday in the form of a report in the *Financial Times* that the Treasury was preparing for the pound to join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System in the autumn. As a result the pound surged back above the level at which the previous Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, resigned, closing up 0.8 in terms of the effective rate index at 90.3.

If the government means what it says, and what the Chancellor repeated yesterday, about joining the ERM when the Madrid conditions are fulfilled — the most important of which is that comparable inflation rates in Britain should be in the same area as those of its European partners — then it would be surprising if Britain were ready to join as early as that. The underlying rate of inflation, as measured by the retail price index excluding mortgage interest payments, was 7.9 per cent in April. Alternative measures such as the Institute for Fiscal Studies' index (6.4 per cent) or producer output prices (6.2 per cent) are closer to the EC

average of about 5 per cent, but still noticeably above it and rising rather than falling.

In any case, the relevant comparator is not the EC average, which includes the relatively high rates in the UK, Greece and Portugal, but the average rate of inflation in countries which are already in the ERM. That is little more than 3 per cent, which makes the likelihood of Britain being in the same league in three months' time less probable than England winning the World Cup.

A possible alternative policy is allowing the pound to rise to a level where the potential conflict between interest rate and exchange rate policies is minimised. Whether by design or not, this is starting to happen.

Opponents of ERM entry worry that it could lead the government to commit exactly the same mistake as in the spring of 1988 when interest rates were reduced at a time of excessive

monetary expansion in order to stop the pound rising too far. Joining the ERM would boost the pound as investors saw the exchange rate risk reduced on high-yielding sterling. The government would be forced to bring interest rates down to stop the currency rising out of its band, and pressure on inflation would be reduced at a time when prices were still rising fast.

This risk would be reduced if by the time sterling entered, the increased attractions were fully discounted in the rate. Every penny that sterling rises, in anticipation of entry, takes us nearer to this point. But the operation is risky. The pound would only remain stable while the attractions of today's high interest rates were exactly balanced by the risk of devaluation, an inherently unstable

situation. Notwithstanding the political attractions of early entry, the government would do better to wait.

## Face at table

Come October, Cable & Wireless will have a new chairman to take over from Lord Sharp. Nobody will be the least surprised when, possibly later today, C&W announces that the new face at the head of the boardroom table will be Lord Young, the former trade secretary. As David Young, the master of Graffham was in business rather than politics. He was a successful entrepreneur before he was a politician. His decade done, he is now back to business.

Eyebrows are already being raised, however, at Lord Young's specific choices of commercial

anchorage. The first was Salomon Bros, the US investment house which is anxious to build up its London prestige. Salomon is in direct competition with the big London houses: it has built a huge dealing floor in Victoria and is not limiting itself to exotic trans-Atlantic activities. A related Salomon company is carving itself a position in the mortgage market. The firm looks here to stay. Should not Lord Young have instead backed a home team player, as did Nigel Lawson with his desk at Barclays? Of course not. London is the richer for having firms like Salomon adding to the financial infrastructure which is Britain's best bet for retaining a place of influence at the European table. The competition will increasingly be between London and other centres, and the more shops that set up on the City's sidewalks the better placed will be London to dominate.

So what about Lord Young's

new job? People remember that it was Cable & Wireless which was granted a licence to set up a personal communications network, along with two other contenders, and that the licences were firmly in the gift of the Department of Trade, Lord Young's old stamping ground.

Some people are predicting a "row" when the news breaks today, and there may well be one. Lord Young seems to be guilty, however, of tactlessness rather than duplicity.

He set the C&W application on to a "fast track" (if only the Channel tunnel rail link could be similarly honoured, but that's another matter) at the suggestion of the regulatory authority, OfTel. The final decision on the licence was made by Nicholas Ridley, and not by him.

That said, the tongues will wag and it is just as well that Lord Young is going to Cable & Wireless to run the show as a full-time executive, rather than as an influential piece of boardroom furniture, employed as a reward for favours past.

David Brewerton

WHOEVER said steadily rising profits, innovative management, a strong balance sheet, a large market share and substantial growth prospects were enough to boost a share price?

For Unilock Holdings, one of Britain's largest manufacturers of screens for open-plan offices, it has taken one day of self-imposed bid speculation to accomplish what four years on the stock market never did to unlock its value to shareholders. Only by putting the company up for sale have the directors been able to watch the shares move above their 63p placing price.

Unilock, which yesterday reported a 65 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.3 million and a 70 per cent jump in earnings per share to 9.75p for the year to end-March, said it had no choice but to surrender itself to the auction block if it was to realise its ambitions for growth by acquisition.

Ken Roberts, the chairman, said yesterday: "The group is committed to expansion and is achieving organic growth. But the inadequate rating given to the company's shares and the present environment of high interest rates are proving to be major stumbling blocks in significantly and quickly expanding the group's business by way of acquisition."

Unilock's shares climbed 18p to 80p after the company revealed that James Capel, its financial adviser, had a "long list" of companies, both British and foreign, which would be "suitable buyers".

Mr Roberts said the decision to sell out had been reached after four months of careful deliberation by the board and not as the result of an offer for the company.

He added: "There was no particular trigger. It was just an evolution of thought. When we moved up to the full list from the over-the-counter market in July 1986, our profits were £1.4 million and our shares were 63p. Pre-tax profits are now £3.3 million, but our shares were trading at 62p before the announcement.

"Our shares were marked down savagely during both the 1987 crash and the downturn last October. We were told it was to stimulate the market,

## Unilock sells itself into UK market history books

ALISTAIR GRANT



Roberts: putting wind beneath the wings of shares

but it never worked that way. We were always trying to catch up to where we were before."

Unilock directors, worried about the dilutive effects of high multiples of European bid targets on existing shareholders, and unwilling to gear up more than 50 per cent, given high interest rates, felt they could not expand fast enough. "With our shares so

low, we were also vulnerable to takeover. We want, at the very least, to be able to choose the best home for the company," said Mr Roberts.

Yesterday's move, unparalleled in British market history, draws further attention to difficulties, particularly liquidity problems, faced by smaller companies.

"It is not a healthy dev-

elopment for the UK investment community," said Andrew Melrose, a construction analyst at SG Warburg and the only independent follower of Unilock stock. "I do share their frustration, but I am shocked and disappointed with the decision they have made. Small companies are out of favour, but Unilock could be accused of the same short-termism often levelled against the City."

Mr Melrose, describing Unilock as "grossly under-rated", said shareholders can expect a take-out price of at least 115p, valuing the company at £26.5 million. Yesterday, Unilock was capitalised at £18.4 million. It has £2.8 million net cash in the balance sheet.

He believes the move by Unilock's board follows pressure from members of the Barling and Warner families, who hold about 37 per cent of Unilock, but were unable to sell their shares in the market.

The Rev Michael Barling, a Church of England vicar and non-executive director of the company, said his father helped to found, would realise £2.27 million from the sale of his 2.64 million shares at the current 80p, and £3.26 million at 115p. With his family, he holds 20 per cent of Unilock.

Randal Warner, the chief executive, controls 3.39 million shares, about 14 per cent, of the equity. Other directors, including Mr Roberts, hold about 3.5 per cent.

Institutional shareholders, who were not consulted by Unilock or James Capel about yesterday's move, include Scottish Amicable, Throgmorton Trust, London Life and Norwich Union.

Tibury, the construction group, holds 4.9 per cent. They were rewarded for their patience with the stock with a 54 per cent rise in the total dividend to 4p.

As the list of would-be Unilock buyers gets shorter over the coming months, small company analysts believe more undervalued companies may follow the Unilock example. Yesterday's move could signal a whole new trend in corporate finance.

Melinda Wittstock

WITH profits down 19 per cent and worse to come, Meyer International shares leaped 23p to 397p. The rise was even more remarkable for there were no surprises in the reported pre-tax profits. At £70.8 million, profits were below some brokers' estimates.

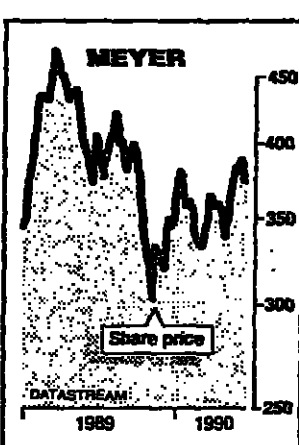
As one of Britain's largest building materials and timber groups, Meyer's fortunes are heavily bound up with the disaster-stricken housebuilding and construction businesses where trade shows no signs of picking up. So the share price rise conveys a potent message.

Put simply, it is that aside from the ravages wrought by high interest rates and an expected slowdown in property disposals, operating profits held up excellently. They rose from £65.6 million to £73 million, excluding discontinued businesses.

Net interest charges of £19.9 million, against £6.6 million, and a fall from £18 million to £11.3 million in property disposals were responsible for most of the damage at the pre-tax level where profits fell from £87.2 million to £70.8 million. Earnings per share dipped 9.1 per cent to 54.85p.

Meyer was also sending messages of its own via an 11.8 per cent increase in the final dividend lifting the total payout by 10 per cent. With cover at 3.3 times the payout level is comfortable. After annual increases of 22 per cent, 36 per cent and 58 per cent in the three preceding years, shareholders have little cause for complaint.

This year, Meyer will see only part of the benefit of its



heavy investment of recent years and the growing internationalisation of its business. For 1990 looks like the trough of the building cycle. Profits of £60 million, including a lower property contribution, would give a forward looking price earnings ratio of nine. There is lots of recovery potential in the shares, but no need to chase them just yet.

## Breweries

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed and JA Devenish have at least two things in common as regional brewers: the excellence of their ales and a weak and watery stock market price performance over the past year.

There, the similarities end. While Marston has linked successfully with Whitbread to reach new markets for its Pedigree ale, Devenish is having to look for one of the big names in the industry for a larger brand it can brew under

franchise on thin margins. Its aim is to boost production to break even at its Redruth brewery in Cornwall.

The market took a differing view of each company's profits yesterday. Marston shares rose 3p to 180p on pre-tax profits 16 per cent ahead at £17.4 million for the full year. Devenish fell 12p to 169p, less than half their peak, reached last summer. Negligible property profits and higher-than-expected interest payments, despite the April 1989 rights issue, left interim pre-tax profits at Devenish £1.32 million lower at £3.84 million. The managed houses pumped out a 12 per cent profits rise, but the target of bringing the brewery back into profit this year is unlikely to be met.

Marston had the benefit of higher interest received from cash in the bank, but this evaporated after the £7.6 million acquisition in May of 49 pubs from Allied-Lyons.

The differences are well reflected in the respective ratings. Analysts' forecasts for Devenish have been scaled back to about £12.5 million, and the shares are changing hands on about 9.5 times' earnings, while Marston, set to make £19 million pre-tax, are on a premium rating of 12.5 times. Neither looks worth chasing for the moment.

## Vosper

PEACE, what peace? That was the message from Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton warship builder.

Peter Usher, the chairman-designate, was rightly keen to

point out that 60 per cent of products were exported to countries unrelated to the increasingly friendly superpowers. With customers such as Saudi Arabia (definitely), Brunei (almost certainly) and Oman (hopefully), as well as the Royal Navy, Vosper's £500 million order book clearly defies the consensus view of a contracting global defence industry.

The company is chasing a further £600 million in orders, more evidence that mine-sweepers, in particular, are relatively immune from any general slump in defence orders. But, at 228p, even after yesterday's 7p rise, Vosper's share price is not.

Vosper has done well since its management bought it from British Shipbuilders for £18.5 million in 1985.

The latest figures confirm the progress being made with turnover up 30 per cent to £121 million, pre-tax profits up 17 per cent to £12 million and a total dividend up 16 per cent to 9.875p a share.

With £35 million of cash in the bank (about half of which is advances on contracts), the company has also benefited from high interest rates and looks well positioned to further its aim of producing more of its profits from non-shipbuilding activities.

Non-defence-related work currently contributes only about 10 per cent of turnover. Profits of about £14.6 million look on the cards for the current year, putting the shares on a p/e multiple of only 7.5. Good value.

## Worried airlines in quest for top payers

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN GENEVA

THE world's airlines increased their income by nearly £1 billion last year by the use of sophisticated computers designed to ensure the maximum of high-fare passengers amid worries about future profitability.

Large airlines have set up "yield management" teams, able to predict for any flight how many seats should be kept back for businessmen who make late bookings and are willing to pay more.

Now, the International Air Transport Association (Iata), based in Geneva, has set up its own yield management computer system to let smaller airlines make such predictions.

Dr Edward Spry, senior director of Iata, said yesterday: "The bigger airlines were blocking off seats for the higher-fare payers and directing the passengers buying cheaper tickets to the smaller rivals. These were then filling up their aircraft with the cheap fares, and, ironically, when the high-fare payers came later, they were having to be sent back to the big carriers."

It is estimated that Iata member airlines had their income increased by 2 per cent last year as a direct result of increased yield. None the less, 1989 saw a sharp drop in profits — down from \$1,600 million in 1988 to \$300 million.

Much of the drop was due to high interest charges, and, with fuel and labour costs rising, the industry faces the possibility of a sharp downturn.

The 190 members of Iata had struggled through the early 1980s with most making losses, turning to profits only within the past five years. Now, they have ordered more than 1,400 new jets to cope with an expected travel boom. The jets' cost is increasing the concern about future profitability and lies behind the increasing attention to yields.

Carol Leonard

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Kleinwort oils team move

IN AN unprecedented transaction, Kleinwort Benson is paying James Capel a sum approaching £500,000 to allow it to recruit a team of five with immediate effect. Capel's five-man petroleum corporate advisory team, led by Martin Lovegrove, 39, and Robert Gray, 36, thus left the firm last night and will begin their new jobs, in Kleinwort's Fenchurch Street offices, today. The money is to compensate Capel for work in progress, since the team, with the permission of the clients in question, will be bringing with it all unfinished mergers and acquisitions projects. The negotiations, which began six weeks ago, are also designed to allow the five to join KB without having to spend the customary three to six month period outside the market. The three other members of the team are Mike Stirzaker, Simon Menner and David Basham. Both KB and Capel have refused to elaborate on their transfer, save to insist that it is "entirely amicable". Their departure leaves Capel with the technical and research units of its petroleum services department, comprising 11 people, which supplies data on and for the oil and gas industry in Europe, the Far East and Australasia. The M&A work of the departing division includes not only takeover transactions in the industry, but also acreage agency work — the buying and

selling of oil or gas-rich land. They will be working alongside KB's energy research team, led by Mehdi Varzi.

### Gallo off the cuff

ENCOURAGED by talk that his colleagues at Clifford Chance, the City law firm, are among the best-dressed in the Square Mile, Hilary Gallo is out to prove that he also knows a thing or two about style. For Gallo, aged 25, and a specialist in commercial law, is swapping his City office for the comfort of his home in Forest Hill, from where he plans to sell his own brand of cufflinks. Gallo says he is "fed up" with the silk knot cuff links that are these days so commonplace in legal circles.



"We have stopped worrying about united Germany and started worrying about Jimmy Goldsmith."

He hopes his new company, Cuffas Ltd, will soon be selling its wares, marketed but not designed by Gallo, in all the best Jermyn Street shops. And naturally he insists that he is more than happy with his own sartorial standards. His every day uniform is a £700 tailor-made suit, a £35 double-cuffed shirt from Thomas Pink, and, he reluctantly admits, a pair of £1 cufflinks he bought in a flea-market.

### Switching sides

AFTER 31 years with Laurence Frust, Michael Pontifex, the firm's top commission-earning salesman, has resigned. Pontifex, a general salesman, will be joining rival firm Henderson Crosthwaite in two weeks. Also switching from Laurence Frust to Crosthwaite will be the two top publishing and paper analysts, Valerie Connor and Louise Barton, who will be joining Nick Ward. Crosthwaite's existing publishing and paper analyst.

### Close to the wind

NIGEL Hamilton, head of Ernst & Young's receivership team, is faced with a busy week. For he is trying to parcel out bits of Colroll, the furnishings group, and sort out British & Commonwealth. But Hamilton, aged 49, a keen rugby-player, who enjoys sailing near his West Country getaway, takes such pressure in his stride. He says it is nothing compared with 1982 when he was appointed a receiver for Sir Freddy Laker's troubled

airline. Part of his task was to take to the air to ensure that one of the company's A300 Airbus was fit to fly. "They blacked out the windows at 25,000 feet over Essex and switched everything off. The idea was to try and switch it on again before you hit the ground. It was definitely beyond the call of duty."

### Change of gear

FATE moves in strange ways. Husband and wife team Vera and Gerald Weisfeld, who sold What Everyone Wants, their discount clothing chain, for £48.7 million last week, can trace the decision on the sale to a near-miss aeroplane accident in Brazil. Shortly after take-off from Rio de Janeiro, one of the plane's engines exploded. The pilot landed safely, as passengers were saying their prayers. The experience left its mark. The couple were "determined to enjoy life to the full". But Philip Green, of Amber Day, which bought the clothing chain — "their clothes are 30 per cent cheaper than C&A," he says — clearly does not yet share the Weisfelds' newfound philosophy. At 11 pm on the night the deal was completed, far from celebrating, he was to be found in a queue in the Baker Street branch of McDonald's. "The completion meeting had gone on for eight-and-a-half hours instead of one hour and I was tired and hungry," he complains.

## Hoechst

### Payment of Dividend

NOTICE IS GIVEN to shareholders that following a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 12th June, 1990 a dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1989 of 26% on the nominal value of the shares will be paid as from 13th June, 1990 against delivery of Coupon No. 53 from shares of DM 50 or Coupon No. 4 from London Deposit Certificates of DM 5.

Dividend of 26% will be subject to German Capital Yields Tax of 25%.

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from whom appropriate claim forms can be obtained.

The dividend will be paid at the rate of exchange ruling on the day of payment.

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United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 10% unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit.

German Capital Yields Tax deducted in excess of 15% is recoverable by United Kingdom residents, and the Company's United Kingdom Paying Agent will, upon request, provide holders with the appropriate forms for such recovery.

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft  
Frankfurt am Main, June 1990



## STOCK MARKET

# Gilts and shares race ahead

**ATTEMPTS** by the government to play down reports about Britain's early entry into the European exchange rate mechanism fell on deaf ears in the City, with the pound, government securities and share prices all racing away.

Another record-breaking performance overnight on Wall Street also helped to improve sentiment, although the rise in share prices was not reflected in turnover, which remained thin with only 433 million shares traded.

The FT-SE 100 index wiped out Monday's losses to end 21.9 up at 2,370.7, having been 30 points higher before the government described the ERM reports as pure speculation. The FT index of 30 shares also advanced 23.1 to 1,901.

**Government securities** scored early gains of more than £1 at the longer end on the back of a stronger pound and growing hopes of a cut in interest rates. But rises were generally halved by the close.

**Meyer International**, the building supplies group, jumped 21p to 395p despite a near 20 per cent slide in pre-tax profits. Analysts said the setback was expected but were impressed with the dividend.

**Fisons** lost an early lead to finish 11p lower at 356p despite receiving approval for Tilade, its anti-asthma drug, from the US Food and Drug

**Administration's advisory panel. Fisons is hoping for full approval from the FDA to market the drug in the United States within the next six months.**

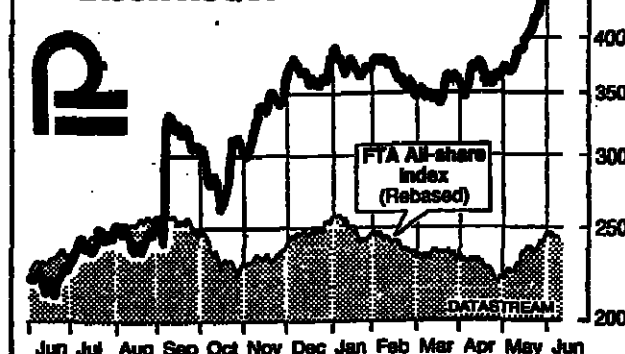
In the Third Market, Haemocell tumbled 37p to 68p. But the company knows of no reason for the fall and says its new blood filtration system is being evaluated at four British clinics. It is attempting to obtain approval for the system in Europe and the US and believes worldwide sales targets will be reached earlier than expected.

Talk of a fund-raising announcement with tomorrow's figures left Racal Electronics 3p lower at 211p. Racal Telecom, also reporting tomorrow, eased 3p to 362p.

**Cadbury Schweppes's interim figures in August should be good. Soft drinks and confectionery are doing well and the group is striving to reduce gearing of 200 per cent. Cadbury has spoken to several brokers, including Hoare Govett, and other meetings are planned.**

**Polly Peck, the fruit packaging and electronics group, recovered an early fall to finish all-square at 450p after denying reports that it was planning to launch a bid for Granada, the television, leisure and motorway services**

## POLLY PECK: NO PLANS FOR A MAJOR ACQUISITION



The story was treated with scepticism by dealers who pointed out that Polly Peck has been making efforts to

reduced gearing by disposals, a sale-and-leaseback deal for its tanker fleet and floating part of its electronics business in Turkey. The shares, which are a member of the *Tempus* 1990 portfolio, have continued to outperform many of the other constituents of the FT-SE 100. They were recommended in *The Times* at the start of the year at the equivalent of 350p after taking into account the recent one-for-ten scrip issue. Brokers say further deals may be in the pipeline.

**Associated-Henriques**, the trade finance house, reeled from Monday's profits warning, losing 30p to 61p. The group has been forced to make

a £1 million provision for bad debts which means that it will fall short of the £4 million of pre-tax profits which analysts had pencilled in for this year.

**Tarmac lost an early gain to finish 1p down at 244p. Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, says profits from construction companies will be lower this year. In April, he was cautious about Tarmac's prospects but is now warning shareholders that conditions have continued to worsen.**

News that Unilock, Britain's biggest office partitions supplier, was for sale, lifted the shares 19p to 81p. The company has become disenchanted with the City and the poor performance of its share price which is now

affecting its ability to expand. To underline its point, the group has just raised pre-tax profits by 65 per cent to £3.3 million.

**Tilbury**, the construction group, which has a near 5 per cent stake in Unilock, jumped 27p to 600p. This week, Govett Strategic Investment sold its 14.9 per cent stake in Tilbury to Philipp Holzmann, the German group.

**Details of a proposed £35 million programme of disposals lifted Cambridge Electronic 11p to 177p.**

**CRT**, the management consultancy, which is expected to hit the takeover trail soon, rose 3p to 84p. Almost 97 per cent of the recent £11 million rights issue at 60p a share was taken up.

**Albert Martin**, the clothing group which supplies Marks and Spencer, fell 6p to 51p after giving a warning to shareholders at the annual meeting that interim profits were likely to fall short of 1989's. **Michael Kidd**, the chairman, blamed high interest rates and the incidence of sales which meant there was now a bias towards the second

half. Last year, profits of this Nottingham group fell 42 per cent to £1.61 million. Waterman Partnership continued to reel from last week's profits warning, losing 8p to 102p.

**Michael Clark**

## Dow up in opening dealings

**New York**  
THE Dow Jones industrial average was 3 points up at 2,895.57 in early trading. Momentum continuing from Monday's brisk advance helped to support the rise, as did a generally stronger semiconductor group.

Mr. George Pirrone, the senior trader at Dreyfus Corporation, said: "The market still looks shaky in the sense that if you look at Monday's market, the volume was only 120 million shares. But I still expect the market to go a little higher."

● Tokyo — The Nikkei index shed 217.87 points, or 0.67 percent, to 32,322.31. Shares closed lower almost across the board on a weakened ven-

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index rebounded 48.00 to 3,203.00, just above psychological resistance at 3,200. Brokers said the rebound, after a 20-point loss on Monday, stemmed in part from Wall Street's rally on

● Singapore — The *Strait Times* industrial index lost 16.05 to 1,540.84. Prices closed with widespread falls as cautious investors continued to liquidate their positions in a market that lacked fresh factors. (Reuters)

## WALL STREET

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## WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily charge (£)	Yearly charge (£)	Daily charge (£*)	Yearly charge (£*)	Daily charge (US\$)	Yearly charge (US\$)
The World (free)	728.7	-1.1	-13.6	0.1	-5.9	0.0	-6.7
EAFE (free)	139.1	-1.1	-13.8	0.0	-7.1	0.0	-8.9
Europe (free)	1268.9	-1.0	-18.5	-0.2	-11.6	0.1	-14.9
Europe (free)	130.1	-1.0	-16.9	-0.3	-11.9	0.0	-13.8
Europe (free)	749.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.7	0.8	0.7
North America (free)	518.4	-1.1	-3.7	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.8
Nordic (free)	1569.0	-0.8	0.3	0.2	4.3	0.3	5.9
Pacific (free)	247.7	-0.8	5.3	0.2	9.3	0.3	11.2
Far East	2876.8	-1.6	-27.4	-0.6	-18.2	-0.6	-23.3
Australia	4171.5	-1.7	-27.9	-0.6	-18.6	-0.5	-23.9
Australia	2960.9	-0.9	-13.9	-0.1	-7.2	0.2	-9.1
Austria	1765.3	-1.7	18.8	-0.7	25.4	-0.6	25.5
Belgium	891.8	-0.5	-9.4	0.5	-6.6	0.6	-4.3
Canada	515.1	-0.8	-14.2	0.5	-8.3	0.2	-9.4
Denmark	1308.9	-1.1	-0.5	0.0	2.8	0.0	5.1
Finland (free)	65.2	-1.3	-17.2	-0.4	-14.1	-0.2	-12.5
France	138.3	0.0	-7.3	0.9	-3.6	1.1	-2.9
Germany	771.5	-0.9	-4.6	0.1	-0.8	0.2	-0.8
Germany	880.0	-1.5	-4.1	-0.4	1.3	-0.4	1.3
Hong Kong	2396.6	0.9	8.0	2.0	13.8	2.0	14.1
Italy	3893.4	-0.4	2.0	0.6	5.6	0.7	7.8
Japan	4382.3	-1.7	-29.0	-0.7	-19.5	-0.7	-25.0
Netherlands	860.5	-0.6	-9.0	0.5	-4.2	0.5	-3.9
New Zealand	85.5	-0.3	-17.0	0.8	-9.8	0.8	-12.4
Norway	1512.1	-0.7	12.7	0.2	17.2	0.3	19.9
Switzerland	263.0	-0.5	12.6	0.5	17.1	0.8	16.9
Singapore	1973.8	-1.5	-1.1	-0.5	-1.7	-0.4	-4.5
Spain	22.9	-1.1	-8.2	0.2	-3.1	0.2	-3.1
Sweden	1773.9	-0.6	1.1	0.3	5.4	0.5	6.6
Switzerland	263.0	-0.7	8.6	0.3	13.2	0.4	14.7
Switzerland (free)	945.5	0.5	3.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	9.3
USA	143.0	0.5	2.5	1.2	0.7	1.6	8.2
UK	705.0	0.9	-2.2	0.9	-2.2	2.0	3.3
USA	470.0	-1.1	-2.7	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7

## ALPHA STOCKS

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## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 8	June 15	September 8	September 17

Call options were taken out on: 12/6/90 Aviva Pl, Blacks Leisure, Ford Seller Morris, Genia Resources, Kelson, Leadbrooks.

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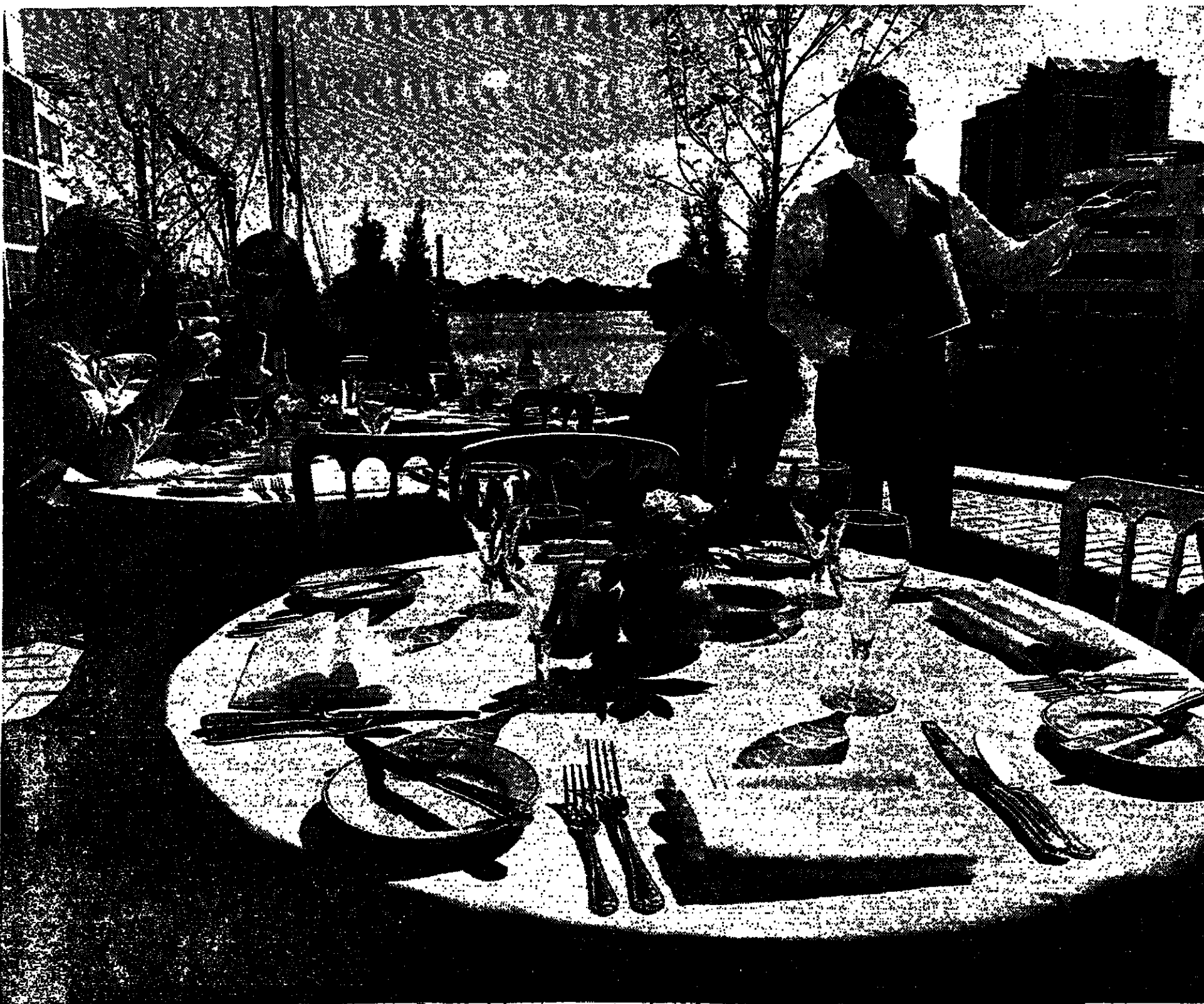
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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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149	12	Claremark	99	104	-	-	-	7.8
151	79	Cliff Remances	77	80	-	1.3	1.6	40.1

## THIRD MARKET

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High	Low	Close	Vol	Open	High	Low
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Court of Appeal

Law Report June 13 1990

Queen's Bench Division

Unreasonable condition unlawful Board can be required to give reasons

**Jones v Secretary of State for Wales and Another**  
Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Glidewell  
[Judgment June 5]

It was unlawful for a planning authority to grant planning permission subject to a condition which prevented development until some obstacle had been removed, unless there was a reasonable prospect of that obstacle being removed.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Wales from the decision of Judge Marder, sitting as a High Court judge on September 13, 1989, who by his decision had quashed an order of the Minister on a motion by the applicant, Richard Thomas Jones, by way of appeal under section 245 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

The applicant had applied to the local planning authority, Ogwr Borough Council, for outline planning permission for a dwelling-house on land owned by him at Ysawadwain, Pencoed, near Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan. The application plan included a condition that the dwelling-house was to be constructed over land owned by Ddraenen Estates who opposed it.

The council refused planning permission. On the applicant's appeal the minister appointed an inspector to hold an enquiry and to decide the appeal.

The inspector held that although the applicant's proposal for a dwelling-house did comply with the relevant policies, there was no reasonable prospect of his obtaining the necessary consent to construct the driveway which was an integral part of the proposed development. He dismissed the appeal.

Mr Duncan Ouseley for the minister; Mr Crispin Masterman for the applicant.

**LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS** said that the appeal raised an important question relating to the powers granted by section 29 of the 1971 Act given to a planning authority to refuse planning consent or to give planning consent with or without conditions.

The first relevant authority was *Newbury District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* (1981) AC 578, 579 where Lord Lane said that for a section 29 condition to be valid (i) it must be imposed for a valid purpose (ii) it must be fairly and reasonably related to the development for which permission was being given and (iii) it must be necessary.

The other authority was *Grampian Regional Council v City of Aberdeen District Council* (1984) 47 P & C.R. 633 in which the issue was whether or not it was appropriate for the

planning authority to impose negative conditions which have since then become known as "Grampian conditions". The issue in the present case was whether that authority was to be read as putting a restriction upon the use of *Grampian* conditions to those cases where there was some evidence that there was a reasonable prospect of the obstacle to which the condition was applied coming to pass within a reasonable time, which would be the time envisaged in the planning statute as the life of a planning consent.

Shortly after that decision the minister prepared a circular to give guidance to planning authorities on the imposition of conditions under section 29.

Paragraph 34 of Circular 1/85 stated that: "Although it would be ultra vires, however, to require works which the developer has no power to carry out, or which would need the consent or authorisation of a third party, it may be possible to impose a similar result by a condition worded in a negative form, prohibiting development until a specified action had been taken."

"The test of whether such a condition is reasonable is strict; it amounts to whether there are reasonable prospects of the action in question being performed."

That was directly challenged by the applicant in the court below. He contended that the inspector had misinterpreted paragraph 34, that the circular was wrong in law and, in stating that before a *Grampian* condition could be imposed, there had to be reasonable prospects of the developer being able to benefit from the permission as a result of the condition being fulfilled was wrong.

That contention found favour with the judge. He construed the guidance offered him in Circular 1/85 and commented that in any event there was a general presumption that development ought to be permitted unless there was some good planning reason shown for refusal.

The judge also said that those who had the power to give consent to construction of the driveway were not minded to do so at the time of the enquiry but might well change their mind in the future.

There was no evidence to support a suggestion of that kind at all. The only possible way of introducing a prospect of consent was really a hypothetical approach that anything could change and, in theory, the obstacle might be removed.

But, in his Lordship's reading of the law, it needed more than that to justify making a *Grampian* condition where there was no evidence to show that there was any reasonable prospect of the obstacle being removed. That might well be the point at which the judge misconstrued the inspector's findings.

**Regina v Civil Service Appeal Board, Ex parte Cunninghamham**  
Before Mr Justice Otton  
[Judgment May 25]

The Civil Service Appeal Board could in certain circumstances be required to give its reasons for a particular decision although it was under no statutory obligation to do so.

However, the court would not infer from the board's having declined to give reasons that there was no good reason for its decision or that it had acted perversely or with reference to irrelevant factors.

Mr Justice Otton so held in the Queen's Bench Division in ordering that Thomas Cunninghamham, a former prison officer who had been dismissed from his post as a prison officer, should be told the board's reasons for fixing a particular level of compensation for loss of his job after the Home Office had refused to reinstate him.

Mr David Pannick for the applicant; Mr John Laws for the board.

**MR JUSTICE OTTON** said Mr Cunninghamham, aged 45, had been a prison officer since 1965. In February 1988 while he was employed as a physical education officer at Buckley Hall Detention Centre, Rochdale, a disciplinary tribunal found he had assaulted a prisoner and he was dismissed.

He appealed to the Civil Service Appeal Board which concluded that his dismissal was unfair and recommended he be reinstated.

The Home Office refused to reinstate him and his case went back to the board for compensation to be fixed. The board recommended a payment of £6,500 which the applicant considered wholly inadequate given his seniority and length of service.

The board had declined to give any reasons for its decision. The board performed a judicial function which had a public or administrative law element sufficient to render its decisions susceptible to judicial review.

It was submitted for the applicant that the board was under a duty to act in a procedurally fair manner. That was particularly important where there was no industrial tribunal remedy.

Without reasons, the applicant could not know why the decision had been made, would be impeded in deciding whether to appeal or seek judicial review and might wrongly be encouraged to nurse a sense of grievance.

Mr Pannick also submitted that whether or not there was a duty to give reasons, the court should be especially willing in his absence to draw the conclusion that there was no good reason.

For the respondents, it was submitted that there was no

general rule of procedural propriety requiring bodies subject to judicial review to give reasons for their decision.

His Lordship accepted that the weight of judicial authority did not establish there was a general duty to give reasons as a matter of administrative fairness.

The decision not to give reasons had not altered any right of the applicant which was enforceable by private law. He had not been deprived of some benefit or advantage he had enjoyed in the past.

But the fact that the board was not named among the tribunals required to give reasons by section 12 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 did not mean there was no common law duty on the respondents in exceptional circumstances.

His Lordship was not prepared to draw the inference that in the absence of reasons the board had no good reason for its decision or acting by reference to irrelevant factors. The circumstances did not point overwhelmingly in favour of a different decision.

There was no reason why any question of policy arising would make it impracticable or undesirable for the board to give reasons.

A duty to give reasons or a discretion which might be exercised to give reasons would not have undermined the board's desire to remain an informal, non-legalistic body.

There was no reason in principle why a person in a similar position should not know what his predecessor had been awarded and why. The provision of short reasons would not necessarily build up a body of precedent.

It would be for the board to determine if and to what extent it should be bound by its own decisions.

On the facts, had Mr Cunninghamham gone before an industrial tribunal he would have had a legitimate expectation of being awarded substantially more than £6,500.

But he was not entitled to go before an industrial tribunal because it was a constable. If he had been assured by the Government in the Civil Service Pay and Conditions Code that the conditions applying to civil servants would be not less favourable than those applying to other employees.

The applicant was obviously left with a burning sense of grievance and a lurking sense of injustice to which the board should be sensitive.

In the particular circumstances of the case, and without wishing to set a precedent his Lordship was prepared to give an obligation to give reasons if only to put the applicant's mind at rest.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya, Treasury Solicitor.

Cost of structural alterations is recoverable from assignee

**Steele and Another v McMahon and Another**  
Before Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Ward  
[Judgment given May 23]

Expenditure reasonably incurred on structural alterations by the assignor of a protected tenancy was recoverable from an assignee of the tenancy under the provisions of section 120(3)(b) of the Rent Act 1977.

That exception to the prohibition against taking premiums applied where such expenditure was incurred by the assignor when he himself did not have a tenancy of the premises.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal on a preliminary issue by the plaintiffs, the assignees, Mr and Mrs Mark Steele, from a decision of Judge Kenny at Newbury County Court in September 1989 in favour of the defendants, the assignors, Captain Christopher McMahon and Mrs Margaret McMahon.

Section 120 of the 1977 Act prohibits premiums and loans on assignments of protected tenancies. Subsection (3) provides: "... an assignor of a protected tenancy of a dwelling-house may, if apart from this section he would be entitled to do so, require the payment by the assignee or receive from the

assignee a payment ... (b) of a sum not exceeding the amount of any expenditure reasonably incurred by the assignor in carrying out any structural alteration of the dwelling-house ..."

Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Alexander Nissen for the plaintiffs; Mr Stephen Lloyd for the defendants.

**LORD JUSTICE NOURSE** said that under the terms of an agreement in 1983 the defendants carried out repair works to Wellhouse Farmhouse, Hermitage, Newbury.

In November 1985, in accordance with the agreement, the defendants were granted a 20-year lease of the property at a rent of £1,000 per annum. It was a protected tenancy for the purposes of the 1977 Act.

The defendants assigned the lease to the plaintiffs in 1987 in consideration of £115,000. The plaintiffs claimed recovery of that sum alleging that the defendants were prohibited by section 120 from having required its payment.

The defendants had accepted that some £42,000 was lawfully demanded and they had agreed to pay it. The balance, the defendants claimed, was a payment falling within section 120(3)(b) of the 1977 Act. The judge had held that it was.

The plaintiffs' case was that section 120(3)(b) could only apply to expenditure incurred by the defendants after the lease had been granted to them. The defendants accepted that most of the expenditure had been incurred by them before the grant of the lease but argued that the exception applied to such expenditure incurred by them at any time, either before or after the grant of the lease.

Judge Kenny, considering the wording of section 120(3)(b), said there was "nothing on the face of those words which imports any temporal qualification or any qualification requiring expenditure to be incurred by the assignor in his capacity as tenant of the tenancy he is assigning".

The judge was entirely correct. All that was required was that the expenditure was incurred by the assignor. True it was that before the defendants could play that part, the tenancy had to have been vested in them but there was nothing to indicate that the expenditure referred to was restricted to that incurred while the tenancy was vested in them.

Mr Justice Ward gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Lewis Silkin, Westminster; Heald Nickinson, Camberley.

European Law Report

Irish 48-hour duty-free rule unlawful

**Commission of the European Communities (supported by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) v Ireland**  
Case C-158/88  
Before O. Dui, President and Judges F. A. Schackweiler, M. Zuleeg, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and J. C. Moitinho Almeida  
Advocate General M. Darnon (Opinion March 21, 1990)  
[Judgment June 12]

The directives on exemption from turnover tax and excise duty on imports in international travel (OJ English Special Edition 1969 (II), p.232), as last amended by Council Directive No. 85/348/EEC of July 18, 1985 (OJ 1985 No L 183 p.24) to goods contained in the personal luggage of travellers who arrived at its borders after a period of 48 hours outside its territory.

The Commission took the view that the measure was contrary to articles 1, 2 and 4 of the directive, which made no distinction as between travellers and provided for no restrictions based on the period spent outside the jurisdiction of a member state.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held that the Irish Government had claimed that the exemptions provided for in Directive 69/169 were confined to what was called "genuine" travellers. It maintained that the adoption of the contested regulations had been necessary and, in accordance with the Court's case-law, permissible, in order to correct the abuse to which the application of the directive had given rise.

That argument could not be accepted. It was clear from the Court's case-law that in the area in question member states were left with only the restricted power given to them by the actual provisions of the directives in question. No provision was made in those directives for any derogation relating to the duration of journeys.

The Court had previously held that, in the context of travel within the Community, the exemptions available in a member state for goods contained in the personal luggage of travellers were granted as soon as the traveller in question had in fact had an opportunity to make purchases in another member state.

It followed that the distinction drawn by the regulations in question between genuine travellers and fiscal travellers in order to deny the latter the benefit of the exemptions provided for in the directive was incompatible therewith.

Where, on account of the economic situation in a member state, it became necessary to adopt exceptional provisions making the grant of exemptions subject to a period of time spent

outside national territory such provisions might be adopted, only in pursuance of a directive derogating from Directive 69/169 or by way of protective measures, when the conditions laid down in articles 108 and 109 of the Treaty were satisfied.

However, the Irish regulations had not been adopted in pursuance of any Community directive or protective measure provided for in the Treaty.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled: 1 By limiting the application of the exemptions provided for in Council Directive 69/169/EEC of May 28, 1969 on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to exemption from turnover tax and excise duty on imports in international travel as last amended by Council Directive 85/348/EEC of July 18, 1985, to goods contained in the personal luggage of travellers arriving at its borders after a period of 48 hours outside its territory, Ireland had failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEC Treaty.

2 Ireland was ordered to pay the costs, including those of the interveners.

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## MEDIA

## A Roy Hattersley for all seasons

Roy Hattersley is a man of many parts. There is the novelist, just unveiled, apparently embarked on his own *Forsyte Saga* — the Hattersley chronicles. There is the essayist, seen to advantage in *The Guardian*. There is the media columnist, visible weekly in *The Sunday Correspondent*, perhaps a little too reliant on press cuttings to fill the space, but usually with a point to make. And there is the politician, now a deputy leader of Her Majesty's Opposition no less, ready to hold forth at tiring length on the issues of the day.

He is not among the more advanced constitutional thinkers of the Labour party. He is hotly opposed to electoral reform. And he not only longs to abolish the House of Lords ("That is a view I have held throughout my political life") but he does not really wish to see a second chamber at all. "Many in the party, he among them, thought that a single elected chamber was the best safeguard for democracy," *The Times* reported of his last conference speech.

Mr Hattersley is also the party's spokesman on media policy, and here he should be watched with care. He told the party: "We promise a detailed media policy at next year's conference. It will re-affirm that in a democratic society there must be newspapers which reflect the views of every section of society, not simply one party and one point of view."

Does this suggest that he is unhappy with the support Robert Maxwell's three newspapers give so faithfully to the Labour party, and that he wishes to arrange some form of subsidy to a new popular newspaper of the Left? If it doesn't mean that, what is he going on about?

More serious than such conference rhetoric is the Labour policy document released last month. No doubt strongly influenced by the media spokesman, it states that a statutory Press Council would be given power to enforce a code of practice, providing a right of reply, protection of individuals from harassment, and prevention of "offensive stereotyping of women and ethnic minorities".

Mr Hattersley must be aware that the Calcutt committee, set up to report on privacy and related matters, has already concluded its deliberations and the Government is due to publish the report and its own conclusions next week. Would it not have been more prudent — and altogether more sensible — for Mr Hattersley to have delayed his pronouncement? That is not his way. I have

no knowledge of Mr Calcutt's conclusions but apparently well informed stories suggest that the report has rejected proposals for new laws of privacy and right of reply. Instead it recommends statutory action only if a final effort to toughen up the system of self-regulation is seen to fail. Procrastination would be avoided by laying down a specific time limit. During this period the Press Council would be reorganised, or replaced altogether; lay members would have a majority, and the industry would be expected to provide adequate funding — a conspicuous failure in the past.

It is said that the committee and the Government are unimpressed by the code of conduct produced by national newspaper editors recently and wish to see something stricter. Nor, if reports are to be believed, has the appointment of ombudsmen or readers' representatives to monitor observance of that code made much impression. Since this system has been in place for only a short time it may be too soon to judge. Certainly, at the recent meeting of ombudsmen, a number of those present believed that some improvement in press standards was, indeed, taking place. Further, it was quite clear that the

appointment of ombudsmen had improved the handling of complaints in a number of offices. Whether the combination of a reformed and tougher council with ombudsmen in individual offices will produce the required improvement in standards, particularly where privacy and harassment is concerned, has still to be tested. But under this regime it is the only way that statutory action can be avoided and, under Labour, it seems, it could not be avoided at all.

One of Labour's proposals can, however, be welcomed unreservedly. According to the policy document a Labour government would introduce a freedom of information act. If this happened it could reverse a trend of official secrecy which has been the bane of democratic government in this country for the best part of a century. Of course everything would hinge on the small print, and the text of such an act might be less exciting than its title. Who would be the Labour home secretary charged with piloting the measure through the Commons? If it was our friend the novelist, the essayist, the commentator, let us hope that the House of Lords is still in place to take a look at his handiwork.

### THE PRESS

Charles Wintour

# Hitting the laager harder

A week today *The Weekly Mail*, flagship of South Africa's alternative press, goes daily. Gavin Bell tells the story



Expanding: Anton Harber (left) and Irwin Manoin, co-editors of the new *Daily Mail*

THERE is a line in Tom Stoppard's play *Night and Day* in which an African dictator says he believes in a relatively free press — by which he means a press owned by his relatives. Until recently the apartheid could have applied to the South African media, muzzled for decades by draconian government restrictions and self-censorship imposed by monopolies fearful of closure and imprisonment.

The demise of the anti-government *Rand Daily Mail*, in May, 1985, coinciding with the toughest media controls in South African history, was regarded as the nail in the coffin of press freedom. A month later, however, two young journalists defied logic and common sense by launching *The Weekly Mail*, a liberal tabloid aimed at professionals, academics and politicians starved of unrestricted news. The alternative press was born into a hostile climate, with less than £20,000 and a staff of six.

Anton Harber and Irwin Manoin, the co-editors, have seen their ramshackle idea grow into a respected journal with a circulation of 30,000, reporting the dramatic changes in politics and attitudes for which it bravely campaigned.

After a turbulent youth, the newspaper is preparing to leap into adulthood by going daily. When the first edition of *The Daily Mail* rolls off the presses on June 20, it will be billed as the first totally independent daily newspaper to be published since the National Party began to institutionalise apartheid in 1948.

The venture is also unique in that the *The Weekly Mail* will continue to be published on Friday as a tabloid insert in the broadsheet daily. Mr Harber concedes it is a complicated concept, but believes it is a logical development. "The simplest reason is that the pace of change in South Africa has become so swift that a weekly can't keep up. It also represents a coming of age of the so-called alternative press, and a vindication of what we were doing on the fringes five years ago."

An anecdote illustrates the point. *The Weekly Mail* was shut down for a month two years ago, among other reasons for advocating that the government should talk to the African National Congress —

an event which is now history.

The new paper will not be a reincarnation of the *Rand Daily Mail*. "That was aimed at a mass readership, while our target will remain selective. What is being reincarnated is the spirit and tradition of anti-apartheid journalism," Mr Harber says.

The newspaper will be launched in circumstances considerably more favourable than its progenitor. While unbanning the ANC in February, the government lifted most media restrictions with the exception of those on visual reporting of political violence (which are ignored by impunity by the foreign media). The end of the state of emergency throughout most of the country last week removed virtually the last excuse for police interference.

The renaissance of the South African media in general has been remarkable, with newspapers gleefully exposing

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the murderous activities of security force "hit squads" in a manner which would have resulted in instant closure, heavy fines and possible imprisonment a few months ago.

The heady draught of unfettered reporting has spread from the alternative press to mainstream newspapers to such an extent that Shaun Johnson, a senior political reporter on *The Weekly Mail*, has stopped writing a weekly commentary on the left-wing press in the mass circulation *Saturday Star*.

Mr Harber says: "The South African press is still overwhelmingly

monopolistic and conservative. It doesn't reflect the excitement and the changes that are taking place, and that is precisely what we intend to do on a daily basis."

"I am convinced that an important element of political change is independent, critical voices that don't kowtow to any political forces. We plan to tell the ANC as well as the government where they're going wrong, and keep them on the path of negotiations and reform."

The venture is being launched from the first floor of a former auction house in central Johannesburg. Mr Harber admits finances are precarious. The Mail Publications Group has raised four million rand (about £750,000) since its launch as an unlisted public company last November, largely from private individuals. Most of the shareholders are South African, but British contributors

include David Astor, former editor of the *Observer*, Peter Palumbo, the property developer and chairman of the Arts Council, and businessmen Sir Mark Weinberg and David Sainsbury. Mr Johnson, who raised the British funds, says they are relatively modest but have been an enormous confidence booster.

Mr Harber says: "We reckon we'll have to break even within two years. We learned from the *Rand Daily Mail* that you have to maintain a balance between journalistic standards and financial survival."

Break-even point is calculated at 30,000 copies with 25 per cent advertising, a modest target in a country where the norm is more than 50 per cent. Distribution will be confined to the densely populated Transvaal and neighbouring regions including Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

MR JOHNSON, who will become assistant editor, concedes it is a high-risk venture. "It would have been completely insane a year ago, but times are changing. I feel very lucky to be part of a team I believe is the most vibrant in the country, and the most representative of the new non-racial climate."

Donald Woods, former editor of the Eastern Cape *Daily Dispatch* who went into exile in 1977, will write a weekly column from London, and Allister Sparks former editor of the *Rand Daily Mail*, will make a similar, domestic, contribution.

The project is viewed with goodwill but mild scepticism by South African press magnates. Times Media Ltd, which, as South African Associated Newspapers, published the *Rand Daily Mail*, obligingly surrendered the title which it held and agreed to handle the new paper's subscriptions on an agency basis. Mr Neil Jacobsohn, the TML general manager, says: "We believe the country needs a wide spread of opinion, and we think it's a good idea, but personally I'm afraid the daily may jeopardise the weekly. I'm not sure these guys have worked out what they've undertaken, and a lot will depend on how deep their pockets are. Having said that, we see it as a positive development and we hope it works."

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MEDIA

# An opportunity goes knocking

DAVID Mellor, the home office minister, showed characteristic wit when the Broadcasting Bill was debated in committee in the House of Commons in March. An amendment, tabled by Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for North Thanet, sought to extend copyright protection to game and quiz shows.

But the discussion was sidetracked by an exchange about the wife of another committee member, Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Birmingham, Erdington: the once been "Little Val, the shopper's pal" in *The Sun*?

"I do not know whether the format of *Zoo Time* could be patented to cover what has just happened," Mr Mellor said, "but my honourable friend's new clause is an attempt to focus on issues of definition that cannot easily be resolved."

These problems have not become clearer in the intervening three months. Now the bill has reached the House of Lords, where this week Lord (Ted) Willis, the playwright who created *Dixon of Dock Green*, will table an amendment designed to close a legal loophole which theoretically allows television companies to "steal" certain types of "format" programmes.

The issue arose last July when the Privy Council turned down an appeal by Hughie Green, the deviser and former presenter of the television talent show *Opportunity Knocks*. Mr Green claims that he developed the programme for BBC Radio in 1949. *Opportunity Knocks* moved to Rediffusion in 1962

**Will new laws prevent the 'theft' of game shows?**  
**Andrew Lycett reports**

and stayed there for 17 years. After a spell off the air, it returned to BBC Television four years ago.

In the meantime, a similar programme of the same name had appeared in New Zealand. The first Mr Green heard about it was when the Inland Revenue contacted him to ask about his royalties, producing a newspaper cutting which claimed he was soon to visit New Zealand to produce the fourth series of the show. Mr Green, a rich and determined man, began a ten-year legal battle against the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation which has cost him more than £200,000.

HE WON a local judgment, but this was overturned by the Privy Council, the ultimate court of appeal for New Zealanders. The Privy Council agreed that the NZBC's version of *Opportunity Knocks* had used Green catchphrases, such as "This is your show, folks, and I do mean you", and had imported familiar devices, such as the "clapometer", to measure audience reaction.

But it ruled that Mr Green's original had lacked the "certainty" of format which would give it protection under the

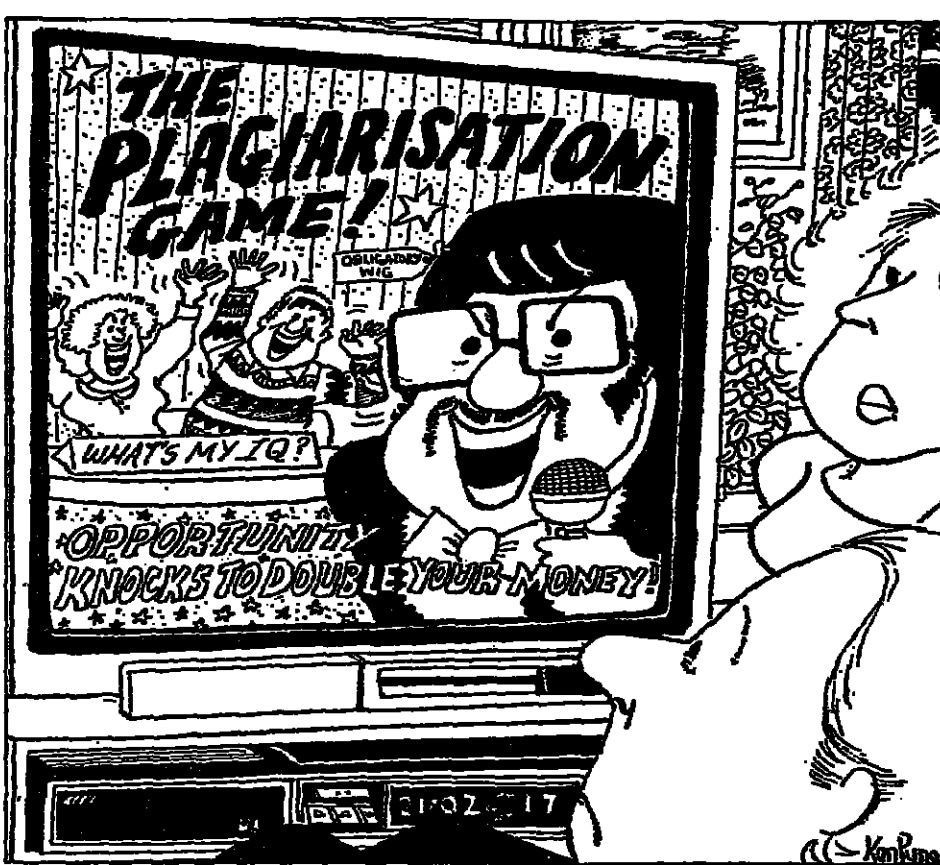
Copyright Act. Nigel Palmer, a showbusiness solicitor, says this reinforces the legal maxim that "for an idea to receive copyright protection, it must be capable of being reduced to a material form". He suggests that devisers of game shows should make their formats as detailed as possible. They should write scripts and, if further protection is required, register their titles and distinctive designs as copyrights and trademarks.

Peter Smith, head of programme legal services at Thames Television, says he was "appalled" by the Privy Council decision, which throws into doubt his company's ownership of shows such as *This is Your Life*.

Mr Green says he wrote extensive "outline" scripts for *Opportunity Knocks*, but argues that "certainty" is not possible in quiz and game shows. "If there was, the press would soon cry 'fraud'."

After the Privy Council ruling, Mr Green accompanied Mr Gale and Peter Holmans, author of the quiz show *Bullseye*, to see Douglas Hogg, the minister responsible for copyright at the trade and industry department. According to Mr Green, the minister reasoned that if he gave protection to, say, the *Antiques Roadshow*, he might stop another show about antiques.

"We pointed out," Mr Green says, "that given half an hour we could devise *What's in Your Attic?* or *What am I Bid?* on the theme of antiques, but which would be alternatives to the show he named, and seen to be alter-



natives by the viewers." Mr Green forecasts that, while the world-wide market in game and quiz shows has hitherto been conducted by reputable broadcasting organisations, this will change with the rapid deregulation of television.

Independent producers, who create most of these shows, need government legislation to provide greater business security, he says.

WILLIAM G. Stewart, head of Regent Productions, brought the popular American show *The Price Is Right* to Britain in 1964 on behalf of Central Television. The programme, which is now shown five days a week on Sky One, was sold by Talbot Television,

which licenses many top American shows abroad. Others include *Wheel of Fortune*, *Family Feud*, *Blind Date* and *The \$64,000 Question*.

Mr Stewart supports much of Mr Green's prediction. "So far we have been lucky that the industry has behaved with a certain amount of constraint," he says. He wonders how long this can last with the mushrooming of game shows throughout the world. "I hate to use the word cheap," he says. "Let's say they are economic and get an audience."

Royalty fees range from £5,000 paid for a top American show to £200 for a new show devised by a beginner, to as little as £10 per episode offered in some European countries.

While Malcolm Morris, executive producer of *This is Your Life*, calls the uncertainty about game shows "a multi-million dollar minefield", but Tony Gruner, Talbot chief executive, asks: "Who would want to copy a show like *The Price Is Right* when they can get the real thing?" He adds, however: "I'm not saying a few sharks won't try it in future."

The trade and industry department said this week that it "sympathises" with the arguments of the game show devisers, but repeated Mr Mellor's line that this is "not an easy issue to resolve". Maybe Lord Willis can now stimulate some action.

# Last gasp for tobacco ads?

Companies are reading the smoke signals of a likely EC-wide ban

TOBACCO advertising in Britain could soon be a thing of the past — or so tightly restricted that it might as well be. After years of wrangling, seven out of the 12 EC member states now favour an outright ban across Europe, where tobacco advertisements are already outlawed in four countries. A decision is due to be made at a meeting of EC health ministers in December. Even if they fail to agree, lobbyists are certain the measure — or, at the very least, tough new restrictions — will go through the next time the ministers meet. The tobacco advertisers, they say, are living on borrowed time.

A ban would wipe an estimated £60 million off the balance sheets of British advertising agencies, some of which would lose their biggest accounts. The UK press and poster industries would also be hit hard by the disappearance of tobacco ads.

Advertising Association figures show that newspapers would lose about £1 million a week in advertising revenue, and weekend colour supplements £18 million a year.

This is music to the ears of the anti-smoking campaigners, such as Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), who want a ban on all promotional activities by tobacco companies. Such a scenario, however, is a long way off. Dan Oxberry, Philip Morris UK's corporate affairs director, says: "A lot of people in the advertising industry have started to write us off, but we ain't dead yet." Or, as John Ritchie, the long-standing Benson & Hedges account director at ad agency Collett Dickinson Pearce, said: "There are a number of more underhand ways of selling cigarettes than advertising."

Although none of them will agree to discuss their plans, one way in which the tobacco companies would almost certainly utilise their spare advertising budget is through increased sponsorship. "Not only of sports but of the arts,

particularly at the popular end of the spectrum, such as pop concerts, where they can reach their first goal which is to attract young people to smoke," David Simpson, the ASH director, says. The tobacco companies dispute this, claiming they use promotion only to compete with other brands, not to encourage first-time smokers, an argument they also apply to advertising. But many of them already sponsor pop concerts in Europe and the Far East, and could feasibly slip through loopholes in the tobacco advertising and sponsorship code, a voluntary agreement between the industry and the health department, to do so here. The Independent Broadcasting Authority has indicated that tobacco firms would not, however, be acceptable as sponsors of television programmes on any terrestrial television channel.

Another way of soaking up spare advertising cash would be price cutting, already rife in the EC countries which do not allow advertising — Italy, Portugal, Finland and Norway.

The Tobacco Advisory Council, which opposes an advertising blackout in Europe, points out that a ban does not necessarily lead to a decrease in smoking. Its figures show that whereas smoking has dropped in the past 20 years by 30 per cent in the UK, 20 per cent in the United States and 40 per cent in The Netherlands, all of which still permit advertising, it has decreased by only five per cent in Norway and nine per cent in Finland and has actually increased by eight per cent in Portugal and Italy, which have outlawed advertisements. The anti-smoking lobby counters that these countries are way behind Britain and the US in health education and other preventive measures, and Mr Ritchie argues that, in having banned advertising, they may have increased smoking's cachet, particularly among the young.

LISA O'KELLY

# A dissenting voice over Aids

A documentary to be shown on Channel 4 tonight challenges the established scientific view of Aids and suggests that the syndrome is not caused by the virus HIV or any single infection. This view appears particularly startling because it seems to have sprung from nowhere. In fact, there have been robust criticisms of the HIV theory for years, but they have not been generally reported.

Why are medical journalists apparently so reluctant to cover dissent? They seem to have a consensus that if the Government's chief medical officer makes a statement they must print it as fact.

HIV was declared the cause of Aids in 1984, before scientific papers supporting the announcement had been published. In a flurry of enthusiasm by nations to claim both the "discovery" as their own and to patent a testing kit, the question of proof was neglected.

A number of scientists do not accept HIV as the cause and have been steadily criticising the theory, publishing papers and letters in the scientific journals. Their questioning has received little attention in

the Press. Critics of the inconsistencies of HIV theory include Peter Duesberg, an American molecular biologist who created the "genetic map" of retroviruses which is still used to comprehend HIV; Harry Rubin, who contributed to the discovery of reverse transcriptase, the enzyme by which retroviruses like HIV are detected; and Joseph Sonnabend, microbiologist and former editor of the journal *Aids Research*.

Another questioning voice, Ceila

Farber, who has been writing in the US rock magazine *Spin* about the conflict in Aids research since 1986, says: "If you call up scientists asking simple, intelligent questions about the cause of Aids you get a kind of irrational fury... It is nonsense for it not to be discussed. The reaction is like holding a cross to a vampire. If you give any credence to these ideas you lose your contacts in the medical establishment and for a full-time medical reporter this is a problem. Investigative journalism

and science haven't met before." Challenging stuff, but as Nobel laureate Walter Gilbert says in tonight's programme: "The great lesson of history is that knowledge develops through the conflict of viewpoints. If you have simply a consensus it stultifies. We need critics to break up that iceberg. This is one of the underpinnings of democratic theory. It is one of the basic reasons that we believe in notions of free speech."

JAD ADAMS is the author of *Aids - The HIV Myth*, published in 1989 by Macmillan.  
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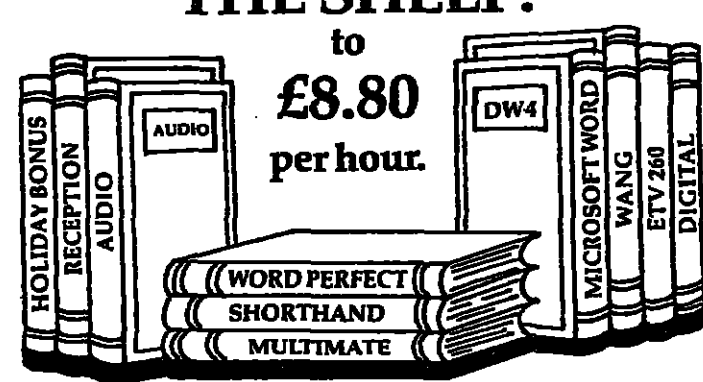
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# Public or private, quality must decide

The state and the private sector offer excellent secretarial courses. In the former, tuition is either free (usually to students under 19) or at a modest fee. In the private sector, fees vary widely.

At the West London Institute of Higher Education, after which students find jobs on starting salaries up to £11,500, fees for the postgraduate bilingual secretarial diploma are £700 for a three-term course. At top private colleges, they are nearer £5,000.

Some people fare better at the private colleges, which usually have small classes and a reputation for placing their students in jobs. But some students cannot afford the extra cost, and may find a good course at a local college of further education.

State colleges are having to reorganise courses to conform to the requirements necessary to obtain accreditation in the new national vocational qualifications (NVQ) system. This is no bad thing, according to the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries. "It will be the first national system of standards for secretaries," an official says. "Employers, when they get used to it, will be able to tell the capabilities of a student with a particular qualification."

Most colleges in any case train students to the standard of one of two qualifications already well known to employers: the Royal Society of Arts diploma for

Where should you study? Beryl Dixon notes the issues

personal assistants (now renamed higher diploma in administrative and secretarial procedures) or the London Chamber of Commerce private secretary diploma, both of which will be NVQ-accredited.

Private colleges are exempt from such considerations. They award their own diplomas, which are often well-regarded by employers.

Since the development of new technology, most colleges have switched the emphasis of their courses. Colleges are not economising on the basic skills of typing and shorthand, but are teaching them in a different way, in order to impart everything else required of today's secretary.

Good courses have always included business studies, some economics, law and management, and "secretarial duties" — a wide term. They still do, but teaching methods are changing. The emphasis is now on acquiring the technical skills more quickly, and developing the skills required by the personal assistant.

Colleges have been helped by two developments — the computer-assisted teaching of typing and the invention of Teeline shorthand. Some colleges, St James's in South Kensington,

London, being a pioneer, teach typing by the headphone-and-screen method. Marianne Hewitson, the principal, explains: "Students can work at their own pace, rather than being held back by the slowest in the class."

"Teeline shorthand is taught similarly, with the result that two-termers should be capable of acquiring good speeds. Some of our students manage 100 in shorthand."

Felicity Rawles, head of training, at St Godric's, Hampstead, says: "There is so much more to fit into the timetable these days — audio typing, shorthand (still needed in the top jobs), word-processing, desktop publishing, use of personal computers, fax — all kinds of constantly changing office equipment."

Anne Powell of Chichester College of Technology, where languages are a priority on some courses and shorthand is taught in French, German and Spanish, says there have been other changes of approach. "We have highly motivated students here, so we push them," she says. "We spend a frantic 10 weeks on skills. Then they work for members of staff, learning how to plan conferences and make travel arrangements for staff going on business trips. It is so rewarding for them. An old-style student would have thrown a wobbly if asked to organise a conference only days into a first job. Mine won't."



A temp-hire boom: Therese Warwick and colleague Carol Daniels

## Why temps are more wanted than ever

TEMPING HAS developed enormously in the past decade. Before then, the temp was invariably a young woman moving from office to office, week by week, with her traditional shorthand and typing skills, little realising that she would become the forerunner of a whole new way of working.

In today's business world, the "temp", as likely to be male as female and with a profession rather than secretarial skills, will often be a graduate in, for example, accountancy, electronics, law or economics.

Office temping itself has developed. The range of people who work as a temp at some stage of their life has widened vastly. School-leavers temp before they go to college, as do students in the vacations and returners. The adaptable hours make it specially convenient for mothers and single parents, and retired people. Anyone with the right keyboard skills is welcome.

New economic conditions mean employers have to consider staffing needs more carefully. What then is the future of temping? Although there is some feeling among recruitment agencies that the market is becoming less buoyant, and that times are tougher for temps and fewer jobs available than a year ago, most predict an increasing demand.

They see an expanding role for temporary staff, finding that economic pressures are encouraging bosses to consider the financial attractions of using temps more often, rather than meet the high overheads, such as national in-

surance, holiday and sickness pay, of permanent staff who may not be fully used.

"The temp side of our work is booming," says Therese Warwick, associate marketing director, of The Work Shop, a central London secretarial consultancy, which specialises in temporary staff and the communications industry.

"Temps are an advantage to business. Gone are the days of employing them in permanent jobs. But it saves money to use them for project work or for emergencies and staff holidays."

"Temps are not committed to one company or looking for opportunities although some may want a permanent job. Our temps must be well-trained with good speeds and good skills and they must be computer-literate. The average rate for a good-quality temp in London is based on £15,000 a year."

"We are not age-conscious and would like more returning mothers, although if a boss is young, he will usually prefer younger people whom he does not see as a threat."

According to Manpower, this is "an extremely opportune" time for organisations to hire temporary office staff and consider different staffing structures.

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# Down come the rents

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Though capital values have been falling since last October, rental growth has continued, albeit slowly. The new figures show that annual rental growth now stands at 8.5 per cent, slightly below the expected annual rate of inflation.

Retail and industrial rents are still growing, by 0.3 per cent and 0.9 per cent respectively in May, giving them annual growth of 9.6 per cent and 15.4 per cent. The total return on property, falling since early last year, is now 3.7 per cent.

In a detailed look at the London office market, Richard Ellis says the West End has begun to stabilise at mid-1980s levels, indicating that the market has readjusted since the boom conditions of 1986 to 1989.

Demand for space is holding up well. Take-up for the first quarter of the year is just below 800,000 sq ft, greater than the level in two of the four quarters of 1989. Take-up for the year is now forecast at between 3.2 million sq ft and 3.5 million sq ft, almost equal to the level in 1989.

Richard Ellis explains that low vacancy rates, at 3.6 per cent, reflect market stability, and that though they are expected to increase to 3.9 per cent by the end of the year, this represents an increase of only 1.2 per cent on 1989, despite the increased amount of second-hand space on the market.

The rate of exceptional rental growth in the last two years has now slowed, but the year to the end of March saw 11 per cent growth in the West End. For 1990, the firm forecasts growth of about 5 per cent.

The report says that investor caution

## Despite a demand for space, offices are showing the first fall since the early 1980s

noted in the last quarter of 1989 has continued this year, the consequence of concern about political instability and potential base rate increases. British property companies and institutional investors reduced their investment throughout the first quarter.

The total value of institutional sales has fallen greatly from the levels in early 1989, suggesting that much of their portfolio restructuring has been completed.

Sales amounted to £67 million in the quarter, compared with last year's quarterly average of £155 million.

Overseas investors continue to dominate the investment market, completing more than 50 per cent of all transactions, compared with 43 per cent during 1989. Scandinavian investors are the most active although significant buying came from Japan and the Middle East.

In the City, Richard Ellis believes it may have found a more realistic level of activity after the uncertainty of "free fall" in the fourth quarter of 1989. In the first quarter, several transactions were negotiated towards the end of last year; deals were signed on 1.4 million sq ft, the second highest quarterly take-up level recorded.

A high level of second-hand space coming onto the market, 76 per cent of the 2 million sq ft in the first quarter of the year, is continuing to have an impact on the vacancy rate in the City, which

increased from 10.8 per cent to 11.9 per cent. As second-hand space builds up and more development schemes are completed, the vacancy rate is likely to increase, reaching 14 per cent by the end of the year.

"Thereafter," says the Ellis report, "as the market starts to come back into equilibrium, with fewer developments completed in each year and continuing take-up of completed development space, we expect the vacancy rate to start to fall once again."

Richard Ellis says that despite the business climate, demand for City offices is holding up well, with requirements from all business sectors and for a range of unit sizes.

"Space is actively being sought on the assumption that the economic outlook will not significantly worsen. Some occupiers may now be taking advantage of the current market conditions to negotiate on space, particularly the high-quality development space which has either recently been completed, or is nearing completion."

Rents may therefore face further adjustment this year. Richard Ellis has forecast a fall in its "all buildings" index of up to 5 per cent, a figure which takes into account the potential for more "bad news", in terms of economic indicators over the summer months and the growing supply of poor quality, second-hand, space. Reflecting occupiers' preferences for new development space, it is holding to its forecast of £65 a sq ft for top City rentals.

The firm adds that because development space is being completed on the northern and eastern City fringes, where the rental values are £35 to £50 a sq ft, it expects "to see considerable activity as occupiers and developers negotiate within this rental band."



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## IN THE MARKET The Virgin mega sale

One of the biggest West End transactions in recent months has been concluded by Virgin Management, which has disposed of the leasehold interest in Vision House, Rathbone Place, London W1, through its property subsidiary, Vanson Developments. Weatherall Green & Smith negotiated a new underlease to Cable News Network International at a rent of £1,125,000 a year, and Virgin Management has assigned its head lease to a subsidiary of Central London Securities.

Vision House is an eight-storey building of 35,000 sq ft, and has been occupied by Virgin's television and broadcasting divisions, which have moved to other properties.

Magdalen College, Oxford, and Prudential Assurance have formed a 50-50 venture to develop the first phase of the Oxford Science Park, which will have a completed value of over £100 million.

The first phase will include about 400,000 sq ft on a site of 24.5 acres. The Japanese electronics company, Sharp, which has said it will move its European research centre to the park, is expected to invest £10 million in the new building. Work has already started on road access to the site, and construction of the 58,000 sq ft Innovation Centre is to start in July to house science-based, start-up companies and ancillary services.

Central Manchester Development Corporation has granted planning permission for the development of the British Council's new headquarters in Manchester, a £27 million project on the 7.5-acre Grand Island site owned by British Gas in the centre of the city.

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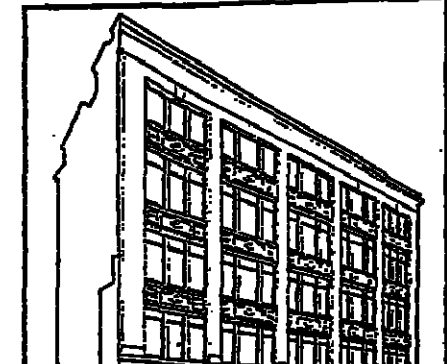
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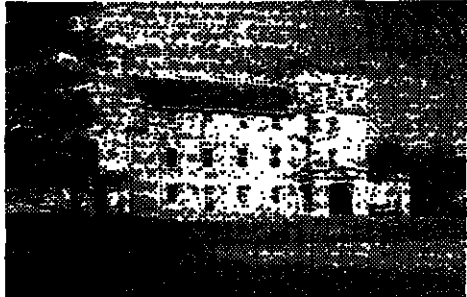
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Brundle's return to the team with which he won the world championship with Jaguar in 1988, before going back to Formula One with Brabham for a season, has lifted everyone's performance. Silman said. "He's a terrific stimulant. Martin never has an off-day, so that means no one else

pleased with their final test at Silverstone, the cars having lapped 1.6sec faster than ever before. "It looks like we've done something right," Brundle said, taking care not to divulge what it was.

Sticking to a well-tried chassis and refining it, rather than opti-

The cosmopolitan line-up of Jaguar drivers, comprising three Britons, two Frenchmen, two Americans, a Dutchman, an Austrian, a Dane, a Spaniard and a Chilean, may come to the starting line with four of the best prepared cars, but by Sunday afternoon those who have survived it will know that this year they have been in a real motor race.

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, CHICAGO

Then a county judge, a member who supported the renovation scheme, pointed out that the meeting had not been adjourned. He demanded another vote and more than two-thirds of those remaining agreed to make the changes required.

So he is well aware of the 3,700 trees which line the course, even if he rarely went among them in 1975, and of the yawning man-made Lake Kadrijah, which comes into play at three of the short holes.

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**FROM SRIKUMAR SEN**  
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Las Vegas. Tyson had agreed to resume training but could not say whether he would be talking to anybody after his workout.

Tyson has always been secretive about his gym work. He said a few days ago: "I don't like training in front of people. I think training is something sacred."

It seems that the former champion has not fully recovered from the shock of his tenth-round knockout by Douglas. "I am getting a little nervous," Tyson said about meeting Tillman, who beat him twice as an amateur. "I haven't been nervous for a long time. But I won the title once and I can do it



Tyson's nervousness does not come as a surprise to George Foreman, who is boxing against Adilson Rodriguez, of Brazil, in a "double-header". Foreman suffered a similar setback against Muhammad Ali in 1974. "If I was managing Tyson," the 41-year-old Foreman said, "I would let him take two years off, 18 months minimum. Put him on a slow boat to Europe, a slow boat back to America and a

Foreman maintained that Tyson would never again have the edge over his opponents by intimidating them. "He can never recapture his former greatness. You have seen the best of him," he said.

Foreman wanted to "get with him" and tell him to come back to training for the sake of his fans. "Wouldn't it be great to see him back on the scene?" Fore-

Jim Jacobs used to take press conferences for Tyson when the champion was busy. But after Jacobs' death and Tyson's estrangement from Bill Cayton, who was joint manager with Jacobs, there has been no one to do the talking for him.

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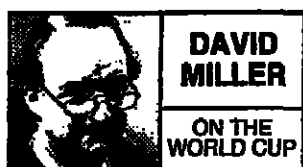
## Britain sinking in a sea of insularity

THERE are three aspects of British football, as witnessed by global television on Monday evening, which are depressing for those who either care passionately about our island's game or who, more casually, would wish us to be better represented.

The performances of England, the Republic of Ireland and Scotland reflected the myopic attitudes and declining standards of the Football League and Scottish League. Moreover, there is little prospect that Bobby Robson and Andy Roxburgh, the respective coaches of England and Scotland, are capable radically of improving matters for Saturday's matches against the Netherlands and Sweden.

Even more alarming in the long term is that Graham Taylor, widely presumed to be about to succeed Robson, once the present embarrassment is ended, must wonder if the job is worth taking; always assuming that he is conscious, when accepting the responsibility, of realities as much as of personal ambitions.

Taking England to the last four



DAVID MILLER  
ON THE WORLD CUP

of a big tournament — the legitimate mark of international success — has proved beyond the successive abilities of Winterbottom, Ramsey (on all but two occasions in 12 years, one of them at home) Revie, Greenwood and, up to now, Robson. For Scotland, Beattie, McCall, Brown, Ormond, MacLeod, Stein, Ferguson and Roxburgh have been no more successful.

For both countries the situation is, on present evidence, becoming worse; and if, for the Republic of Ireland, it is suddenly becoming better, that is because Jack Charlton has opted, being the unsentimental man he is, for a pragmatic system of play that is equally difficult to defeat or to praise. International newspapers do not provide a definitive judgment on football, though they do reflect, usually not without some

experience, international opinion. Yesterday morning's headline in *La Gazzetta dello Sport* is typical of reactions to the bruising encounter between England and the Republic. "Equal in mediocrity, little fantasy."

Excluded for five years from the experience, vital to developing players, of European competition, Football League players are more than ever trapped by literally insular attitudes; by uneducated coaching indifference to the more sophisticated abilities of the foreign game, much of which is now entertaining British audiences.

Robson, trying hard not to criticise and thereby undermine those on whom he is dependent to restore some of the nation's pride, yesterday came as close as can be to saying that English football is heading down a cul-de-sac.

Asked what the Football Association's director of coaching — his subsidiary role — might do to shift English emphasis away from physically orientated play, he answered: "Do you think what I say to first-division managers will change their ideas of how they

want their players to play?" Asked if, therefore, the job in fact had little influence, he replied: "Possibly. We [the FA] run courses for coaches, but very few managers come."

And he added, even more damningly: "We were back [on Monday] to what we see every Saturday afternoon at home ... with the odd exception."

The likes of Shankly and Catterick, who in the Sixties ridiculed allegedly soft southern clubs, such as West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur, have much to answer for. They encouraged a generation of managers with the mentality of army PE sergeants who drowned the minority wisdom of Greenwood, Allison, Lyall, Paisley and a handful of others, latterly including Ardiles.

More than ever, now that spontaneous great players are less often bred on the public streets and playgrounds, even good players need good coaching. Opportunistic managers in the Bassett-Gould-Wilkinson mould do not serve that end. The coaching theories of Charles Hughes, of the

FA, are misinterpreted, being seen as an alternative to skill instead of as a means of maximising skill.

Every England team manager inherits the Football League legacy that makes the job, in Charlton's opinion, not worth the emotional strain. Yet it must be asked whether Robson has made the best of a bad job, whether he is able, by selection or leadership, to extract more from the England squad on Saturday.

Roxburgh's scope, as I have previously suggested, is severely limited by lack of players: Robson at least has available the talent of Waddle, Barnes, Gascoigne, Bryan Robson, Lineker and, to a lesser degree, McMahon and Beardsley. Why is Charlton's team greater than the sum of its parts, Robson's less?

The answer is that Charlton, for all his relaxed shootin' and fishin' image, is a far harder man who knows exactly what he wants, communicates this to the players and leaves them out — namely, Brady — if they do not fit the system. The Republic played to a disciplined, simplified and practical

formation that, however inelegant, was effective.

The disappointment was that Robson, knowing beforehand what his team would face, seemingly accepted that the Republic's style would unavoidably dictate the pattern of England's own game. Do not judge us on one match, he protests. Look at the Netherlands' performance against the Republic two years ago and see how they were limited, he says.

Well, at the time I did, and there is no comparison between England's guileless performance on Monday, bereft of ideas, and the Netherlands' comparative domination in 1988 in Gelsenkirchen where, admittedly, they won narrowly. Yet they were limited in their degree of success, not in the way they attempted to play a different game from the Irish.

Robson has to select a team for Saturday that must be creative but, since the formation changes almost every match, the players will be tactically unsure compared with Charlton's simplified system. Charlton did not want Brady's

decoration. England have Barnes, Waddle and Gascoigne and no idea of integrating their skills.

Will Beardsley play again? Or will Barnes return to a central role in his place, with McMahon the midfield fulcrum with Bryan Robson, freeing Gascoigne to move forward? It is a lottery.

The worst thing that England's manager said yesterday was that "creativity will not come from the back four". Not with Stevens, Pearce and Butcher, it will not. That tactical blindness, also afflicting Scotland, is exposed by creative defenders such as Baroni and Maldini (Italy), Jorginho (Brazil), Aigner (Austria) and Augenthaler (West Germany).

It is too late for Robson to do anything now but a patch-up job, crossing his fingers before he quits. When Taylor takes over, he should know that unless he has the strength of character to dictate how he wants good players to operate, and to provide them with a consistent formation, he is as doomed as any England manager and might as well not bother to start.

## Admirable Atherton heralds riches

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of five): England drew with New Zealand

LIKE their football counterparts, the England cricketers emerged with a draw from an unsatisfactory start to the serious summer contests. The difference, perhaps, is that at Trent Bridge there was cause to believe the greater prize is within their grasp.

This first Cornhill Test was always waging an unequal battle against the weather and, even yesterday, a sheet of low cloud hung doggedly and depressingly over the ground. Even four clear days might have been enough to produce a result here and, on the evidence available, it would not have been England who would have been beaten.

Their gains from this half-baked match were considerable, if inconclusive. First, they dismissed New Zealand in the equivalent of a day's

play, obliging the revision of a widely held belief that the bat would dominate this series. Then, in gaining a lead of 137 before a token declaration at tea, they received welcome reassurance that, against this opposition at least, all does not depend upon Gooch and Lamb.

Captain and vice-captain did not manage a run between them, Hadlee cutting them both down in an aggregate of four balls. But Smith and Russell showed in the West Indies that they have absorbed the essential lessons of batting in a five-day game, and they reiterated them now, sharing six hours of partnerships with the game's abiding star, Michael Atherton.

Not for some years has there been such a thoroughly impressive maiden Test century for England as the one which Atherton completed yesterday. There was so much

to admire that one hesitates to give voice to it all for fear of rapid disillusionment.

Atherton, however, is such a manifestly solid character that this fulfilment of long-recognised potential is unlikely to affect him. Whether his long-term future for England lies as an opener, or No. 3, there is a great deal more to come from him.

He has received the classical upbringing in the game, via grammar school and Varsity. Here, he became the first Cambridge graduate to make a Test century for England since Tony Lewis in Kanpur 18 years ago, a fact which took the BBC television presenter by surprise when it was put before him.

Only in yesterday's initial overs did he look remotely suspect. Twice he gathered runs from streaky edges low and wide of the stumps, but once he was readjusted to this entire game was enacted, the recital of excellence was resumed.

Atherton was in perfect position to hook Hadlee, flat and safe, for four. Then, he was on his toes to steer the same bowler precisely behind square. At 98, he was becalmed for 22 balls, but the bat kept coming down straight and rhythmically, and the face behind the helmet registered not a hint of emotion until, at last, Sneddon dropped short and Atherton cut with utter certainty to the cover boundary.

Bracewell, giving the ball air, was finding slow but appreciable turn, and Russell, on 22, was dropped by Smith as he pushed uncertainly forward. The sixth-wicket pair had put on 92 when Morrison, who has been ill-suited by this slow pitch, gained his consolation.

Atherton evidently felt he had played himself in, and, for a few memorable overs, he went through his entire repertoire. Cover drives and pulls abounded as, in relative terms, he raced to his third fifty in 88 minutes.

When he departed, mis-hitting a lofted off drive, only the members of the game flickered. Small briefly enjoyed himself, and Hadlee took his fourth wicket of the innings, the 419th of his career. Then Wright failed for the second time in the game. It ended in anticlimax; in truth, it had never been much else, but for England there were welcome indications that they can, at last, win a home series.



Textbook fashion: Atherton drives Sneddon for four at Trent Bridge yesterday

## TRENT BRIDGE SCOREBOARD

RESULT: Match drawn. New Zealand won toss

New Zealand

First Innings

T J Franklin b Malcolm 33

J G Wright c Stewart b Small 6

A H Jones c Stewart b Malcolm 39

M D Crowe b DeFreitas 59

M J Gresham b Hemmings 1

M W Priest c Russell b DeFreitas 26

M C Sneddon c Gooch b DeFreitas 0

J G Bracewell c Gooch b Small 28

R J Hadlee b DeFreitas 0

Extras (lb 1, lb 10, w 1) 12

Total 208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-75, 3-110, 4-121, 5-170, 6-174, 7-191, 8-191, 9-203.

BOWLING: Small 23-49-2 (5-2-0-0); 10-5-11-1; 7-0-19-0; 7-3-13-1; Malcolm 19-7-49-2 (6-3-5-0); 11-3-37-2; 2-1-6-0; Hemmings 19-6-47-1 (4-3-4-0); 15-3-43-1; DeFreitas 12-6-55-5 (12-2-25-3); 1-8-1-7-3-20-4.

England

First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Hadlee 0

M A Hogg b Sneddon 151

A J Stewart c Smith b Hadlee 27

A J Lamb lbw b Hadlee 0

R A Smith c Smith b Bracewell 56

N H Fairbrother c Franklin b Sneddon 19

J R C Russell c Sneddon b Morrison 28

G C Small c Crowe b Hadlee 14

E E Hemmings not out 13

Extras (lb 2, lb 3, nb 3) 8

Total (9 wickets dec) 345

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-43, 3-45, 4-141, 5-188, 6-260, 7-302, 8-308, 9-340.

BOWLING: Hadlee 33-68-4 (13-1-29-3); 3-1-7-0; 4-1-12-0; 4-1-14-0; 6-1-21-0; 3-1-6-1; Morrison 22-55-1 (5 nb); 6-1-25-0; 6-1-31-0; 5-1-15-0; 5-1-24-1; Sneddon 36-17-54-1 (1 nb); 12-7-9-0; 4-0-11-0; 3-2-1-0; 0-5-6-1; 5-3-9-0; 3-0-18-0; Bracewell 35-5-75-2 (23-5-38-1); 6-3-6-0; 6-0-23-1; Priest 12-4-25-1 (1-0-0-0); 11-4-25-1.

Man of the Match: M A Atherton

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

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## Sheedy's place at risk if Whelan passes fitness test

From CLIVE WHITE, PALERMO



EVERYONE is supposed to love a goalscorer. The question, is how much does Jack Charlton? Kevin Sheedy, whose impressively drilled equaliser against England on Monday pumped life back into the Republic of Ireland's World Cup hopes, is one of the men whose place is most at risk should Ronnie Whelan declare himself fit, as expected, for the game here against Egypt next Sunday.

However, Whelan's return — even if fit — may not be quite the formality that it would appear. Charlton is unwavering in his loyalty to those who serve him faithfully. And there were times in Malta during the Republic's World Cup preparations when he appeared to lose patience with Whelan, whose recovery from a broken foot and then a thigh strain has taken longer than necessary because of Liverpool's failure to spot the initial injury in good time.

But neither could Sheedy be described as one of Charlton's favourites; the balance between skill and sweat in the Everton player's make-up is not exactly to Charlton's liking, though Sheedy toiled honestly enough against England.

A man much more after Charlton's heart is Andy Townsend, who is shortly to lend his hard, combative skills to the cause of Chelsea. Should Whelan be welcomed back into the fold, it is doubtful whether the Republic's manager would find it in

himself to drop Townsend, who is seen as the successor to Brady, though hardly out of the same mould.

Unless Charlton chooses to move McGrath into the back four, which seems unlikely, Sheedy would be the odd man out at a time when his value on the international market has seldom been higher. Real Sociedad's interest in the player, which had hitherto been confined to his creative ability, can only have been heightened by a glimpse of Sheedy's finishing skill.

It is understood that the Spanish club, who last year went to Liverpool to sign Sheedy's international team mate, Aldridge, are prepared to pay at least £600,000 for a man with one of the sweetest left feet in English football. Sheedy would not be the first Irishman to have secured a career for himself in Spain as a result of a significant World Cup performance. In the 1982 Spanish World Cup Gerry Armstrong's part in a memorable victory by Northern Ireland over the hosts gained for the player a lucrative move to Real Mallorca.

## Maradona blames shortage of spirit

TRIGORIA (Reuters) — Diego Maradona has criticised the lack of fighting spirit among the younger members of the Argentine side, which lost its opening game in the World Cup to Cameroon.

The captain of Argentina said there was a deadly silence in the dressing-room before his team faced Cameroon. "The older players went round hitting the younger ones on the chest to fire them up, but without success," he said.

"I expected more enthusiasm, more fight from the younger ones," Maradona said at the champion's retreat outside Rome. Some Argentine players admitted they were racked by nerves during the match.

His criticism came after the Argentina coach, Carlos Bilardo, made five changes to the team to face the Soviet Union today in Naples, where Maradona, the captain of Naples, the Italian champions, enjoys massive support.

Maradona showed reporters a telegram he received from Naples supporters on Sunday. It said they would make the San Paolo stadium tremble and Vesuvius, the volcano, rumble with their support.

Maradona admitted that Argentina were not as strong as in 1986 because they had not received the same influx of new quality players as Brazil and Uruguay.

## Hagi returns in plan to spoil Cameroon party

BARI (Reuters) — Gheorghe Hagi, the gifted midfield player, is Romania's main hope for putting an early end to the Cameroon campaign in their World Cup game tomorrow.

"Cameroon's morale is high after beating Argentina in their first match and they think like winners," Emerich Jenci, the Romanian manager, said. "We have a difficult match against Cameroon. They are a good team, well balanced and fight hard in defence as well as attack."

Jenci will have Hagi available after missing Saturday's 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union through suspension. Hagi, aged 25, has extravagant skills and some consider him the best player in Romania's history. He links

well with his former Sieaua Bucharest colleague, Marius Lacatus, the two-goal hero against the Soviet Union, and can turn a match with one touch.

Cameroon hope to go one better than in their only other appearance at the World Cup finals when they went out after three first-round draws in 1982. But Andre Kana Bilyk, the midfield player, and Benjamin Massing, the defender, will be missing because of one-match suspensions imposed after they were sent off against Argentina.

## Gooch is on his guard

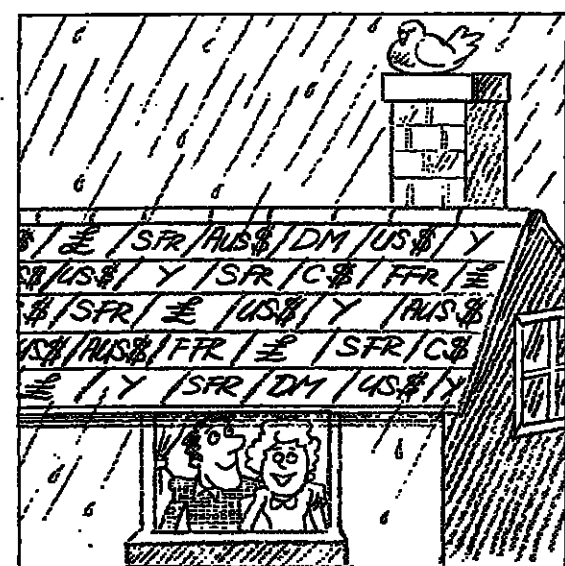
ENGLAND closed ranks yesterday in an attempt to protect their most precious new commodity from being saddled with the "Wonder Boy" tag.

The maiden Test century by Mike Atherton, aged 22, at Trent Bridge, made him the youngest home player to reach three figures since David Gower in 1978. His 151, spread over nearly eight-and-a-half hours, saved the weather-ruined first Test match from sinking without trace.

But the captain, Graham Gooch, said: "One swallow

doesn't make a summer. Let's not go overboard about it. Mike has done very well and we hope he goes on to play for England for a long time, but he could easily get a first-baller next match."

While there is no doubt that the England captain was as delighted as anyone with the effort of Atherton, he and his colleagues are determined not to heap too much pressure on him too soon. Micky Stewart, the manager, followed the same line by saying: "One performance doesn't make someone a world-beater."



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